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## Charles LaFollette Speaks At AVC Banquet April 11

It has just been announced that Representative Charles M. La-

promote the dinner and a total of 400 guests is anticipated. Mr. LaFollette will be introduced at the banquet by Mrs. William Stout, a former WAC Captain, and well known Indianapolis business woman. He will speak on the subject, "After All, the Veteran is a Citizen."

GETTING MR. LAFOLLETTE for their banquet speaker is considered to be quite an achievement by AVC since Mr. LaFollette is hairline deep in his plans to run for Senator from Indiana in the spot now occupied by Senator

He is also quite busy in Washington where his vigorous stand in the House has brought him reams of publicity as one of the outstanding liberals in the lower House. In addition, he has reed much acclaim from corondents who consider his prossive thinking to be of excep-

hal merit.

At this writing Mr. Lafollette has just returned to Washington from Florida where he was a Congressional representative on committee investigating the robicin of atomic power under a world plan. Also on this committee were some of the outstanding scientists, educators, and businessmen in the country.

It is obvious that in presenting such a speaker, persons throughout the state will be interested in attending. AVC Chapters are urged to publicize the dinner, and tickets will be available at all chapter headquarters, and at State Headquarters, 305 Inland and reservations can be made by

### AVC Members Act With Men Who Know War Best Its ... For Vet Right at Indpls. Concern

Three members of AVC in Indianapolis were selected by the Electrical Workers Union to work out the re-employment and seniority rights of veterans at the gigantic RCA plant in the capitol city. This important action on behalf of the veterans was taken following. Several hundred returning GIs are employed in the radio parts concern in Indianapolis and this impor- on to say, "what Mr. Churchill off within the past two weeks.

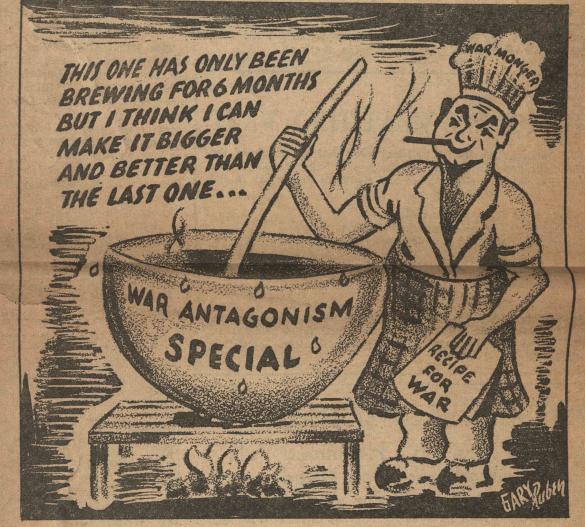
FIVE OUT of the six veterans had been out of service less than 60 days and all had been employees of the concern before sion period.

AVC is holding nation-wide rallies to carry the fight to the people on the issue of vet-Follette, Senatorial candidate for the Republican nomination will be erans' housing. In an eleventh hour request, national headquarters of The American Vetthe principal speaker at an AVC banquet to be held on April 11 in erans Committee has asked that all chapters throughout the nation hold rallies during Indianapolis. The banquet will be held at the Lincoln Hotel and will the week of March 18 to impress upon the Senate the importance of the provisions of the be under the sponsorship of the State Council of The American Wyatt Housing Bill. These provisions are the ones knocked out by a Republican-Southern Veterans Committee. A bi-partisan committee has been formed to Democrat coalition two weeks ago. They provide price ceilings on all present buildings,

and offered subsidies to contractors to make a \$6,000 home possible for the returning veteran. make a \$6,000 home possible for the returning veteran.

### AVC Holds Nation-wide Rallies Boosting Patman Bill In Effort to Arouse Senate to Return KO'd Portion

ALL WE NEED IS SOME RED PEPPER .....



"People who want war should only think a few minutes about the sacrifice Russia has made in Building, Indianapolis. Purchase the last five years—a loss of life and property so large we cannot conceive of it. A people who have price will be \$5.00 per person, suffered such a loss will not turn tail before any military force in the world today. But at the same time they will not go out and look for another war.

And neither will we. We have nothing to gain to start with. And we would have nothing left when it was all over."—GEN. DWIGHT EISENHOWER.

### AVC Chapter in Tokyo Blasts Churchill Speech As Alliance Bid That Will Get Us Into Another War

The AVC voice of protest against action which could involve us in war stretched for 10,000 miles post cards were sent to AVC last week. The American Veterans Committee chapter, several hundred strong in Tokyo, Japan, sent members and others known to a strongly worded protest to President Truman in response to Winston Churchill's speech in Fulton, be favorable to the provisions, Missouri. The former prime minister of Britain advocated an American-British alliance, and the and were inclosed with a form members of AVC holding down

the fort in Tokyo said, "such inwith our world obligations."

THE AVC TELEGRAM went tant action was taken after at is proposing is a split of the least six veterans had been laid world into two giant camps, each camp waging a deadly armament race that could end only in utter catastrophe."

The members of the committee, they were inducted into service. all AVC members are Bill Wat-Reason given for the layoff was son, Cliff Millspaugh, and John a work shortage in this reconver- Hudson, chairman of Indianapolis Chapter No. 2.

The statement contended that asked, "what have we done to of the housing measures. dividual military alliances with such an alliance would wreck the make Soviet Russia feel she can other nations would not be in line United Nations Organization and trust us?"

### AVC DINNER

places for me for the AVC Dinner featuring Charles M. LaFollette on April 11, 1946. I enclose cash, money order or check-\$5.00 per plate.

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The stand of Martin Larner, State AVC chairman, on the housing issue, which was carried prominently in the preceding issue of VET VOICE, received nation-wide attention last week. Thomas L. Stokes, nationally syndicated columnist, considered Mr. Larner's forthright stand against our representatives, to be indicative of the earnestness with which the veteran views the housin question.

He cited "Vet Voice" blasts against responsible Republicans old way of doing things."

THESE ARE measures which are considered to be absolutely essential if Wilson Wyatt, housing expediter, is to be able to follow on his promise of 2,700,000 homes in two years in the greatest housing crisis in our nation's history.

By holding these demonstrations in every principal city while the Senate is in session on the (Continued on Page 2)

Michigan City **Deluges Senators** On Housing Action

The energetic Michigan City chapter of AVC deluged Senators Willis and Capehart with countless postcards and letters this week in an organized effort to save the important provisions of the Patman Bill which had been knocked out by the house coalition early in March.

Operating under the direction of Kenneth Young, chairman, approximately 700 pre addressed letter stressing the importance

THE CARDS were then forwarded by the recipients with a personal appeal to the Indiana Senators. This measure was in addition to wires of a similar nature which had been sent the week before.

This effort was in connection with the national headquarters request for coordinated rallies to be held throughout the nation on March 18. It was a substitute measure after the rally did not pan out when the northern Indiana chapter was unable to secure the cooperation of other civic groups in Michigan City.

### HOUSING SITUATION IN STATE EASES SLIGHTLY BUT REMAINS ACUTE

### **Vets Offered Homes for Purchase** From Civic Groups at Non-Profit

The Gary Veterans Housing Corporation, a civic enterprise in Gary, Indiana, has put itself on that the effort also contrasts with the veteran get a home.

bution was to put up the original fort on behalf of the veteran's dough, the members have con- home-buying campaign. tracted with the federal government to purchase a total of 199 homes to be located in Gary sub-

Every one of the houses will be set up on lots and sold to vet-

council room full of vets and their families.

homes will be \$4110, and this cost cast out in the House. will be adjusted on the basis of the size of the dwelling. This contractor for a similar type of dwelling-for \$6900.

It might also be pointed out record to do something to help the job being done in Indianapolis, the state's largest city by far, FORMING INTO a non-profit where a total of 86 pre-fabs have organization whose chief contri- been purchased as the city's ef-

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bill AVC hopes senatorial in-This was the good news that terest will be sufficiently aroused was released last week to a city to re-instate the provisions which were knocked out when real of local importance, banners, estate lobby "ear-jobs," and po-The average cost of the 199 litical pressure caused them to be all designed to make this one of have been flocking from Laporte

> CO-OPERATION with all other ple in a long, long time. The plan from national promised a home, that's all.

#### Housing Acute?

Mr. and Mrs. David Huff, who had been living in the family car with their four children for a week, found temporary shelter in the county jail in Teaneck, N. J. this week.

The children were sent to the Bergen county children's

Mr. Huff, 29, said the house he had rented had been sold to a serviceman and he was unable to find another.

The children, who range in age from 18 months to nine years, had not changed their clothes nor had a bath in several days, Mrs. Huff said.

a personal telegram from Wyatt

Indianapolis

Laporte

At Edge of Town

are still available for veterans.

TWO HUNDRED and forty-two

said, and the proportion is grow-

The vast majority of the vet-

ing larger almost daily.

house KOP workers.

For War Vets

### Two Projects to Give Some Re Soon to Critical Indianapolis Hob

A small, almost unnoticed trickle of sunlight broke throu cloudy housing picture in Indianapolis this week. The dope was families of about 430 vets might have someplace to live in the n future in the capitol city. While this was good news, in reality it is little more than closet space to the estimated 20,000 veterans urgently needing housing in Indianapolis today. Rather, it accentuated

the need for passage of the Patman Bill in its original form, since the majority of the housing relief is of a temporary nature.

IT HAS JUST been announced Housing Available that the contract has been let to begin the reconversion job on barracks at Stout Field to provide temporary housing for about 350 vets.

According to Phil Irwin, Jr., AVC member and veteran's rep-Veterans and their families resentative on the city housing committee, the sewers are being put in at the moment and first the greatest "tub-thumbing" is- where the housing shortage is converted apartment is slated to sues to be brought before the peo- acute, to Kingsford Heights, be ready for occupancy by April where partially furnished units 1. Rental rates have not been announced as yet. The job is expected to be completed by July.

The second project is still in of the 250 available units at the the brewing stage. City Attorney Heights are now occupied, ac- Henry Krug has been reported to cording to Harry J. Schneider, be in Chicago completing arrange manager of the Heights. Of the ments with the Regional office of 242 families living there, 156 are FHA for 86 prefabricated dwellthose of veterans, Mr. Schneider ings. These wil be sold for about \$3,700 and will be made available through Home Registry service.

THE PURCHASE PRICE will erans are employed in Laporte, include the cost of the lots, which are located near Washington according to the manager. Moving away of units bought by cities Park on the northeast side of Inand towns to alleviate housing dianapolis. Bulk of the homes will be the two bedroom variety. shortages continues at the while some will consist of either

THE HOUSING project was Date of arrival has not bee erected during the war by the nounced, but the line form U. S. public housing authority to Home Registry-directly be this writer.

contrasts to the offer of a private veteran's organizations and all

could be read at each meeting, and suggested parades, speakers

And the cause was simple civic groups has been solicited. enough—just to get the veteran

Note To Congress

### **DEMOCRACY—CIVE PEOPLE WHAT THEY**

The Fortune Survey of Public Opinion showed in a poll last week that the people of the U. S. are hepped up on the desire for government action in the present housing crisis despite what might be indicated by the recent coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats in the

THE RESULTS: 81.3% of people want rent ceilings maintained.

63.3% want ceiling prices maintained on building materials.

75.6% want materials channeled into low-cost residential field by government action.

plurality) want government to embark on a large scale home program.

want government loans to individuals for low and medium priced

HERE IS FORTUNE'S STATEMENT: "All these measures happen to be fairly close to recommendations announced by Wilson W. Wyatt AFTER THIS SURVEY WAS FINISHED. The people seem to be in the mood to put overwhelming political pressure behind legislation that would implement Mr. Wyatt's program."

### AVC IS ON THE MOVE UP INDIANA!

### AVC Gets Under LaPorte Meeting Way In In East Chicago

A charter application was for. At a meeting held on Friday March 14.

chairman; Bert Wechsler, Execu- Employment Service in LaPorte. and Schroeter promises a lively and Arthur Zinkin, Jr., Executive organization of returned soldiers the very near future. Secretary of the Indiana State who will work for Peace, Jobs, Council, AVC.

versity of Chicago graduate and ization. I hope that all of you will cial and economic sections of the East Chicago social worker, is join me in seeing to it that La. city. The steelworkers, the Junior chairman of the new group. His Porte joins the other Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the newssister, Suzanne, a former woman cities already in the AVC fold." Marine, is secretary. Other charter members include Alex Sarkissian, Dr. B. B. Cohen, James Dent, lick's appeal was immediate and Veterans Second. John Kleka, Peter Daronatsy, D. almost unanimous. In a short C. Ross, Mack James, Madison time there should be a chapter thur Zinkin, Jr., of the Indiana Williams and Alexander Arzu- application in the mails from La- Council spent last Friday, March

Housing, OPA, and Fund Raising in, Jr., executive secretary who "We've got some wonderful on their priority list in that order. Gillick. The presence of a large Amvet chapter in East Chicago was dis- those present was a former T/cussed and it was decided to seek Sgt. WAC and her Pfc. husband, its co-operation in community af- two men who had previously atfairs instead of creating an un- tended meetings of the Michigan

to reach 50 in a very short time. erans of both wars.

## Lays Groundwork See Need For AVC Action

warded from a group of veterans evening, March 15th, at the La- Schroeter, former combat correin East Chicago as a result of a Porte, Indiana YMCA, nineteen spondent with the 3rd Division, meeting held on Thursday night, vets of World War II discussed met Tuesday, March 19th, to Present to witness the birth of Invitations were issued by Wil- ter in Hammond. the new chapter and to give what- liam Gillick, Jr., former member ever assistance was necessary of Spokane Chapter who is now of the Calumet area, the Hamwere Joseph Kutch, state vice- employed by the United States mond group is not to be outdone

LaPorte needs an aggressive ARTHUR DARONATSY, Uni- clared. "AVC is such an organ-

was there at the invitation of 15th in briefing Schroeter and his The new chapter has placed Porte according to Arthur Zink- friends on the Indiana picture.

City chapter, and a former sailor The entire chapter has assumed with 45 years service who said the responsibility for increasing that the other outfits were too the membership which is expected old for him, and two other vet-thorizing \$250,000,000 for 100,000

## Hammond Vets For AVC There

A group of veterans led by Len the formation of an AVC chapter. formulate plans for an AVC chap-

> With chapters in other cities bunch working

THE NUCLEUS of the Hamand Freedom" Mr. Gillick de mond group is composed of vetpapermen, and professional men have met on the common ground THE RESPONSE to Mr. Gil- of the need to be Citizens First-

The Executive Secretary, Arfriends in Hammond among non-Mr. Zinkin reports that among GI group" he reports. "These friends are actively rounding up the most promising and alert people in the community to form an AVC chapter.

> The Senate passed a bill auveterans' housing units.

### GI BUYS TROLLEY FOR NEW HOME



"I CAN HANG some gingham curtains here," is what Mrs. Elsie Nykolen is probably saying to her husband, James, an ex-GI, as they look out the rear window of their future home—an old street car which they bought from the city of Chicago to convert into a small home. Chicago hopes to sell more trolley cars to alleviate



## EMPLOYMENT PICTURE DARKENS AS MORE RETURN

### DED VETS BOWL WHILE RECUPERATING



RED CROSS WORKERS help a group of wounded veterans enjoy their favorite form of recreation at a Los Angeles bowling alley. On the left, Red Cross worker Mrs. Lucille Carey hands the ball to Sgt. Paul Jackson. In center, Sgt. Robert Abajian waits his turn as Capt. L. J. Sheaffer stands behind him. At the right, Mrs. Marion Lee steadies the chair of Pvt. George Rodriguez as he sends a fast one rolling down the alley.

### Over Million Vets Unemployed But Picture to Brighten Soon

Figures just released by the re- Washington headquarters, and by 000 veterans unemployed at the figure is expected to begin the ing according to charts in the mer.

Bloomington Acts On Vet Problem Of Employment

found that employment of veter. substantial at the moment. ans was one of the major problems to be faced.

not made available, Merritt Cal. the near future. vert, president of the Chamber of Commerce, suggested that a meet-ments, the picture is far more encalled immediately to work out a plan for the re-employment of service men.

Chamber of Commerce offices for sation. the purpose of investigating the services and rights to which service men are entitled and to see if the returning veteran's prob-

Members of veterans' service centers, labor leaders, and Selective Service authorities were present at the preliminary meeting, in addition to big-wigs in the Chamber of Commerce.

COMPARED to a year ago, em-

ployment in the state was down

28.7 per cent and weekly pay rolls

were down 38.8 per cent, Mr.

Tthe February loss in employ-

ment undoubtedly will be regain-

ed rapidly following the settlement of the steel strike in late

General expansion in factory

employment will continue be-

cause a tremendous pent-up de-

mand for consumer goods accum-

ulated during the long draught on

nonessential production during

the war and during the retarda-

tion of reconversion of industry

due to the strikes.

Shaw said.

February.

adjustment allowance in Wash- early April the figure is expected ington show that there are 1,250,- to climb another 300,000 but the moment. The figure is still ris- downward slope in early sum-

There were no figures available as to just how many veterans had been laid off due to work shortages, or to labor-industry disputes regarding seniority rights and other controversial measures At a meeting held last Tues of the selective service job proday night in Bloomington, it was visions, but the number was not

But with tension rising in this regard, the figures can be ex-Although actual figures were pected to be more significant in

couraging since only 10,000 vets have drawn all the \$20 a week unemployment benefits to which THE MEETING was held at bill provision of 52 weeks compen-

To date there has been an estimated 9 million men discharged, with about one-third of them belems are being handled properly. time or another, since discharge. ing on unemployed roles at one

### Stripping on Log



THERE'S NO TRICK to taking off your clothes. But try doing it while rolling a log as Marietta Terrill is doing here at the Outdoors Show in Philadelphia's Convention Hall. Marietta does a neat, if modified strip tease, while balancing on the slippery log.

### State USES Requests Employers To Aid Vet By Listing All Jobs

Fred K. Myles, Assistant State Veterans Employment Repre- Quimby Is Retained ment Service, this week joined Bloomington Head by the industry-wide steel strike, No or of the United States Enternance in making an arrangement of the Blooming of the Bloom by listing all job openings with ocal USES offices.

This was asked so that returnerr not just a portion of them.

Employment Security Division, 54,300 veterans are now drawing servicemen's readjustment all allowances in the state. Myles and veterans can accept.

months veterans will constitute their ranks is most of the 'cream' July 1. of the labor crop. Veterans are NOVEMBER was the peak Michigan City ba : or are coming back soon, month for enlistments with 183, They did their job. Peace with 000 men volunteering. Since, Tops 100 Mark In out the certain opportunity for monthly totals have declined gainful and useful employment gradually, to 93,874 in February. Membership Drive would be an empty peace for

taken over by Robert J. Quimby. deal to employers to cooperate Others elected to serve as officers of the Chapter for the com-

## February Business Down in State With Steel Dispute Given as Cause

The general reconversion expansion in Indiana manufacturing employment that was noted in the three previous months was temporarily halted in the period from mid-January to mid-February by the industry-wide steel strike, Noble R. Shaw, Indiana Employ-ment Security Division and Property Property

War on Monopolies in Indiana, estimated at 338,849

Assistant Attorney General cent lower than in mid-January ing year and their respective Wendell Berge Saturday pledged while corresponding weekly pay This was asked so that return-positions are as follows: Lennie the government to a renewed war roll estimates of \$14,000564 were were represented by the considered weekers. Vice-Chairman,; Jack on monopolies so that veterans down 4.2 per cent. existing job opportunities Schone, Treasurer; Joe Marshall, will have a fair chance to set Secretary; Bob de Frantz, Ser-themselves up in business. Mr. ACCORDING to the Indiana geant-at-Arms; Richard Snyder, Berge, who heads the justice de-Publicity Director, and Victor R. partment's anti-trust division, out-Barnard, Corresponding Secre- lined a program before the Cleve-

### may greatly increase unless em. Army Reports It Has Raised ployers make available large Volunteer Force of 600,017

the major portion of the available projected peacetime regular time, labor force. Certainly within army of 1,500,000—a goal set for

A breakdown shows that 67.07 percent of those enlisting served

WASHINGTON-The Army re- in the army of the United States "IN URGING cooperation in ported today it has raised in five during the war; 14.23 percent are the employment of veterans, no months a volunteer force of 600,- men who served in the regular special patriotic approal is need 017—largest of its kind in the na- army before the war and 18.7 ed," Myles said. "In the coming tion's history.

per cent are young men from ciper cent are young men from ci-This force is the nucleus of a vilian life serving for the first

In conjunction with National membership drive the Michigan City Chapter passed the first milestone last week when they signed up the 100th member. It is believed that this is also the top total for membership in the

The membership drive will continue unchecked at least until National Convention time when a goal of 300 members is hoped for by Gregory Ross, chairman of the Michigan City membership committee.

With its membership increasing so rapidly and attendance at meetings hitting an all time high it will be necessary for the chapter to look for a larger meeting place.

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### REGISTER-IF YOU WANT TO VOTE

Veterans of World War II were warned this week that, if they were discharged from military service before Dec. 1, they will not be eligible to cast ballots in the May 7 primary elections unless they register before April 8.

Under a 1945 law, registrations among servicemen and women for voting absentee ballots are good only six months after their discharge.

Veterans who were discharged after Dec. 1 will not have to reregister to vote in the primary election but will have to register for the November general election.

David Clapper, member of the voters' registration commission, said that all war veterans should re-register at the first opportunity regardless of when they were dsicharged or they may be turned away at the polls in November.

### AN EDITORIAL

### **Business Interests Retard VA Service to Veteran**

The Veteran's Administration is in dire need of a place to live in Indiana. At present, the small contact division is located in the Old Trails Building in Indianapolis with the balance of the personnel located on the outskirts of town at several locations.

Such a dispersal of troops might be good military tactics but it definitely does not apply when efficient business methods are URGENTLY NEEDED.

VA officials tried recently to do something about the situation by seeking to acquire the Century Building, a large, centrally located, office building in downtown Indianapolis.

A storm of protest poured from every cranny and crevice of the office building, and the holler that was raised drifted straight to Washington in the form of an organized protest. The 64 firms, large and small, that would have to move, protested to Louis Ludlow, Democrat Representative of the District.

Mr. Ludlow has listened to those criesand listened well-because his reply has been this: That present residents of the Century Building should sit tight; that temporary units could be constructed for VA; and that a long range plan is needed whereby a permanent structure could be constructed at a later date to handle the peak of the hospital business expected in about thirty years.

WE FEEL MR. LUDLOW IS WRONG. With such an outlook, he is placing the in-

terests of 54 firms above that of a half million Hoosier war veterans. They are filing daily at a rate that VA will have to exert every energy if it is to keep pace. Most of War Veterans the claims for loans, educational provisions, and job rights will occur in this readjustment period of the NEXT TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS.

tolerate muddling. Each office must be conveniently located to the other so their acmeasured in quick, successful action. The country's call in its time of deepest need. present set-up will not accomplish this. A building such as the Century Building is definitely needed—and urgently.

diana since in almost every home there is a direct, or indirect, connection with a war

readjustment service which is so vital in making him a useful segment of the community to which he is returning.

of a few business establishments were cater- in winning the war. ed to, and the veteran had to be the one to take it in the neck because of the resultant snafu.



# Have Serious Outlook

IT'S OUR BUSINESS to know something of the view-That will entail great efficiency, a plan point of the veterans of this war in order to appreciate the and a convenient office pattern that cannot impact of their opinions on development of public policy.

In the first place, those who served in the armed forces tivities can dove-tail, and the results can be are not "boys" . . . they are the men who answered their

Regardless of whether they saw overseas service, they have matured greatly in the time they have been away from How well it is handled can very easily home. They have seen suffering, and want, and economic effect a vast majority of the families of In- upheaval incomprehensive to those who have not seen them.

And they have become thoroughly sold on the type of democracy and Americanism that means TOLERANCE, With such far reaching consequences it PROGRESS AND EFFICIENCY. They cannot doubt their would be disastrous if the veteran were to country's material advantages, but they will demand that receive improper handling in receiving the we meet our superiority of power with superiority of lead-

THE MAN returning to civil life often cannot under-It would be a travesty of the rankest stand the labor-management warfare, and the inability to type if the SELF-CENTERED INTERESTS work together in winning the peace that was demonstrated

> He cannot understand why he can't buy a suit, or a shirt, or a pair of shoes when it is obvious we have raw material and the manufacturing and distributing machinery. He cannot understand why the housing problem should be a problem that the ingenuity of American business cannot solve.

He is not a professional veteran . . . he is FIRST OF ALL A CITIZEN. And he probably won't be much impressed by those who seek his influence with promises of bene and special privileges, because he has seen what special privilege has done in other countries. He will demand adumns of the paper to criticize conditions quate care for those who were rendered unable to take care they didn't like in the U.S. Army—and the of themselves by war. . . . BUT I DOUBT THAT IN THE MASS HE WILL FAVOR A BONUS PROPOSAL. While he won't look with favor on memorials and monuments, he won't favor treasury raids. The G. I. bill of rights is gener-After this action seven more members ally regarded as generous and adequate . . . although it is of the staff asked to be reassigned for what hard to understand why there is so much red tape in its execution.

BECAUSE the veteran will have the balance of political formation was that was considered to be so power, he will be wooed by every politician. But he will be important that it warranted the dismissal hard-headed in his analysis of the honeyed words in which his vote is sought. There are a tremendous number of men who were not of voting age when they joined the army . . . and they have not yet made up their minds along party lines. with being Communists-charges which They will judge on factual performance, not words.

I believe, too, that the average veteran with overseas other member said that he had resigned from service has returned or will return with an even deeper the party long before he entered service. AT faith in his country's mission as the principal advocate of LEAST THE ARMY COULD NOT MAKE democracy, of a square deal for the little people of the world.

He may or may not believe in universal military training, but he will favor the United Nations Organization . . . effectively supported by force . . . as the instrument to enforce a peace that he knows cannot come without such a world organization with power to enforce its decrees.

He will look with skepticism on those who say "Our next war will be with Russia" because he believes that those who were allies in this war have paid with lives and dollars for the peace they have won . . . the bitter losses will not be

He is an American, yes, and that ahead of everything "A reporter on the Hearst papers is else. But he is NOT AN ISOLATIONIST . . . he knows that our future is entwined with that of the rest of the world. And he will really believe in tolerance and the preservation of the rights of minority groups.

Yes, he will be a sober citizen . . . often a skeptic . . . but his thinking will have a new idealism that was not evident on a broad scale before the war. He will bring a practical freshness to our national life that will revive Americanism Could it be, General, that the boys feel in the truest sense of the word.—Don Hoover, conductor of column "It's Our Business."

**Democrats and PAC On** Wrong Track to Help Vet

ne wants to do something for veterans—they say. The Democratic Party and the PAC have overstepped themselves in their eagerness to befriend veterans in recent action

In the last session of the Indiana Legislature they sponsored three separate bills to grant bonuses of varying amounts to Indiana Veterans.

We understand they plan to re-introduce legislation of this type in the next session. We think they will be making a mistake if they carry through on their plans.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH A BONUS? 1. It solves no problem. If the veterans have housing, employment and health problems, they cannot be solved with a few hundred dollars. The problems that affect the veteran are equally painful to the farmer, the student, the doctor and the small business man. A full employment program-a real housing program,—a real health program, will do more than any bonus dreamed

2. It smacks of a handout to the less fortunate. Very few able bodied veterans regard themselves in this light. Most ex-GI's of our acquaintance feel that they did a job that had to be done and deserve only an equal opportunity to achieve security and dignity in a world at peace.

If the Democratic Party and the CIO-PAC want to put a little extra cash in ex-GI pockets we suggest they get behind a proposal to pay discharged enlisted men for terminal furlough on the same basis as officers receive terminal leave pay.

This needed change in present regulations would equalize the treatment given all servicemen.

Maybe twenty years from now we may feel differently about a bonus—we hope not.

If we do, it will be because both political parties-all labor organizations, and all veterans have failed miserably to tackle the problem of peace and to discharge their obligations as citizens.

### **Army Speaks For Itself** In Dismissing GI Writers

Two members of the Tokyo edition of The Stars and Stripes were recently reprimanded and reassigned for using the colofficer caste system—existing in the occupation forces in Japan.

they considered to be unfair action.

Specifically, we cannot say what the inof the two Army writers.

We only know that they were charged were completely denied by one, while the THE CHARGES STICK AGAINST THE MEN.

But we do know that the statement issued by Brigadier General Charles T. Lanham, head of the Army's Information and Education Section spoke for itself, and clearly indicated a lack of logic, and the consistent reasoning of the reactionary. We quote Gen. Lanham on his reason for the faced again by any intelligent nation.

not at liberty to attack Mr. Hearst or the Hearst policy. If he does, first, it doesn't get in the papers, and second, he is fired. Why then, should the staff of a soldier publication feel that it is entitled to attack the War Department?"

that they happen to be stock holders in their own War Department?

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# st Voice:

### Mr. Stephen Noland, Editor of The Indianapolis News, Gives Advice to Young Men About South American Opportunities

ir. Noland has just returned from South and Central American counmember of a group of Indianapolis and newspaper correspondents. his information is hot—and informative.)

a recent 16,000-mile tour of Latin America in nterest of improved trade and political relations ween the United States and its neighbors south the border, it was pointed out repeatedly that if rade and understanding are to be improved, young Americans must prepare themselves for Latin-American careers and make up their minds to stick it out.

LATIN-AMERICANS prefer nearly all kinds of American goods. Their admiration for American industries is unbounded. Their preference for American automobiles is so strong that practically all their cars are of American make.

They also prefer American electrically operated machine tools, household appliances and office equipment. They have adopted American road-building methods. Their airlines are operated according to American standards.

Having been cut off from Europe by about five years of war, they are ready to turn to the United States for power plants and other heavy machinery. They believe that in the future they will stand a better chance of getting repair parts and new equip-

So there is no question about there being a rich market for postwar American products. But there is a question about the Uinted States having the

ability to merchandise this export business. And of a better product and better service, he will not that is where the young American comes in.

To make the most of this potentially rich market, the young American must make up his mind that he can not clean up on a get-rich-quick deal. He must meet the competition of the young men of other countries, notably Great Britain.

THE BRITISH go after this market by sending young men to the chief Latin-American cities to make a life career of fitting their exports to the market, and to building confidence in British goods.

Backing the British trade missionaries is a government-sponsored credit insurance corporation. The British exporter is liberal in his credit terms, but if he is in doubt he applies for credit insurance and gets a report from the government agency. If the report is favorable, but still beyond his capacity, he takes out the insurance, discounts the bill, gets his money and lets the government worry about collection. This plan works so well that losses are less than one per cent.

Many British families bring their sons up in this trade. The boys go to school with the local boys who in time will become their customers. Thus a good many of Britain's sales in Latin-America were started years ago when seller and buyer were booting a soccer ball around a school playground. That is stiff competition, but it is not too stiff for the young American who will meet it head-on.

The Latin-American customer is, after all, a good businessman. He knows that if he does not take care of his trade in the face of the competition survive. He is always willing to try American products, and, as the export figures show, he becomes a buyer when the American presents a better product at a right price.

In an effort to persuade young Americans to pay the price of success in Latin-America, many American exporters have set up very attractive inducements to those who can qualify. Young Americans are not driven by lack of opportunity to seek fame and fortune in a foreign land. But they are challenged by the prospect of travel, of gaining new experiences, of becoming men of the world.

SO WHEN IT COMES to going south of the border for a career the young man must be willing to battle through the lean years and hold on. He will only lose ground at home by being away for a few years and having to come back to a late start

Young men who wish to investigate should consult such publications as the Pan Ameircan Year Book. They should communicate with American commercial attaches in the capitals.

And, if still bent on taking the plunge, they should prepare themselves to meet the requirements of the many American firms, which they will find listed in the Pan American Year Book.

This advice is gleaned from personal interviews with many Americans who find life satisfactory in Latin America and with official United States commercial attaches who have been on the job long enough to know their stuff.

## **About Washington**

Through the Eyes of

I'm alarmed about the Russian situation. Ever since my friend Vandy came back from London a few weeks ago and tossed off like war to Grouse.

ary 29th, a date which the policy whether this is the United we have often expressed a bel- workable system of peace." States Senate or the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. Most of what we say and hear deals with the

THESE SUBJECTS, it seems Against Republicans? to ne, are certainly worthy of Gentlemen: conliment, but endless clamor against Russia will not further so maybe I'm poking my nose the cause of the UNO or world in where it does not belong. But peace. Our jeb is to formulate since my son is a member of a Russian policy. What must con- been following the activities of cern us is this: What can the all veterans' groups with great

"In formulating an American HOWEVER, I'm a Republican policy we must first come to an and I certainly resent the all-out understanding of the aims, am attack you leveled against the bitions, fears, and phob major allies. Great Britain is issue regarding the housing issue. evidence to convict these adclearly interested primarily in her empire. Without it she automat an authority, and have not been sedition of which they are acically becomes a second rate pow- following the housing battle too cused. industrial resources.

analyze the activities and pro- organization. gram of the USSR. A few of the things she does, such as the removal of machinery from Manchuria, are difficult to understand. We may well write diplomatic notes asking their mean-

"BUT IN GENERAL Russian foreign policy, as pertains to her bordering lands, is not incomparable to two periods in our own history: 1) The early 19th century period when the Monroe Doctrine was formulated, and 2) the expansionist period of McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt.

The Monroe Doctrine expressed

our concern with foreign med-real fears plaguing Russia.. Senator Waldorf Grouse Hemisphere, which means that dling anywhere in the Western lands as much as 5,000 miles from our own borders were important to us for our own security.

"McKinley and Roosevelt saw boundaries. a chip-on-the-shoulder speech, it fit to appropriate Spanish terrihas begun to look more and more tories near our borders and as but we have already expressed far away as the Philippines. Dur- our unwillingness to consider it. So your faithful Senator Grouse ing that period we were feeling The alternative is to scrap our stood up on the Senate floor and our oats and declaring our inten- own regional security sphere and red Vandenberg. Unfortu-the speech was made on power. same, and subm

"Today it is Russia who is feelely during debates on foreign In our denunciations and fears varying foreign policies into one

ligerency which could not have but caused concern in Russia.

"An American foreign policy, then, must reckon with the very

"WE MUST COME to an agreement with Russia about the boundaries of her security sphere, and then let Russia work out her security program within those

"Oh yes, there is an alternative. insist that other nations do the same, and submit to world law.

"Until we are that far-sighted, dar makers carelessly omit- ing her cats. She is also worried we must formulate an American so you will not find the about her security, a concern foreign policy, aware that the poleech in the Congressional Rec. which is not quite so foolish as icies of other nations differ from d. Anyhow, this is what I said: some of my colleagues have in- our own; and we, as the strong-My friends and colleagues, I ferred. We have always de- est nation on earth, must take objective been forced to wonder re- nounced and feared Communism. leadership in refusing all of the

### Letters to The Editor

First of all. I'm not a veteran, an American foreign policy, not the armed forces in Japan, I have United States do to prevent World interest - yours in particular, since it seems to be quite active.

Republican party in your last Justice Depa

er. China is interested in Asiatic closely, I think you boys are defstability so that she can develop initely wrong in lining yourselves trying to get convictions on a up with one political party. It's mass basis, it would be much "I have painstakingly tried to dangerous to the welfare of your more feasible to try these people

Sincerely,

C. W.

Muncie, Indiana (Ed Note: We are not aligned with either party. We are concerned only with issues - not personalities or political parties. For a tip as to action we will take in the future, we suggest you read our statement of intentions printed elsewhere in

#### The Sedition Trials

this issue.)

While we are concerning our-

selves with the realities of our own particular lives, such as housing, clothing, etc., I think that we may have overlooked a dangerous condition that has been lagging since the beginning of the war. It is paradoxical that we are able to deal swiftly with the Yamashotas, and the Hommas in the countries that we conquered, but we are unable to arrive at a verdict for our native

THERE IS no doubt that the While I don't proclaim to be mitted American Fascists of the

> It does appear that instead of individually, limiting the presentation of the evidence to the individual concerned.

It is my suggestion that the State Council adopt a resolution to be presented to the national convention in June requesting for the demand that the seditionists be brought to trial. I would also suggest that the State Counthese trials be resumed.

Sincerely,

Irwin Katz Camp Atterbury Secretary.

### 200-YEAR-OLD TRADITION--POOF!



FOR TWO CENTURIES the nanowed name of Princeton university have known naught but the masculine student-but today there comes a change. First an atomic age explodes itself into being, and second only to the new era for residents of Princeton, N. J., is the sight above-women on the university campus. GI brides are coming to join their studious husbands, and for the first time the lady fairs are taking up residence on the venerable campus. At the left above are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bernabel, Trenton, N. J., while at the right are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, Scarsdale, N. Y. In the rear are carefree bachelor classmates, John M. Kirmil, Methuen, Mass (International) and Frederick H. Bradford, Rockford, Ill.

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### SECRET BALLOT OF REPRESENTATIVES LISTS THOSE AGAINST PATMAN PROVISO

An incomplete list of those who voted against the subsidy provision of the Patman Bill in the House is given below. The vote was scheduled to be "secret" but a volunteer group of correspondents in the press gallery undertook to record the votes by the legislators as they marched down the aisle. Many others absented themselves, and by not voting for the measure, also weakened support for the bill. The premium payments provided for in the original bill would have made low cost housing possible for the veteran.

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Jennings (Tenn.)

Jensen (Ia.)

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Johnson (Ind.) Kean (N. J.) Kearney (N. Y.) Kunkel (Pa.) Martin (Mass.) Merrow (N. H.) Michener (Neb.) Murray (Wis.) O'Hara (Minn.) Phillips (Cal.) Ploeser (Mo.) Reece (Tenn.) Reed (Ill.) Rees (Kans.) Rich (Pa.) Rizley (Okla.) Rogers (Mass.) Scrivner (Kans.) Short (Mo.) Smith (0.) Springer (Ind.) Stockman (Ore.) Sumner (III.) Taber (N. Y.) Thomas (N. J.) Vorys (0.) Vursell (Ill.) Wigglesworth (Mass.) Winter (Kans.) Wolcott (Mich.) Woodruff (Mich.)

### Platter

This issue of Vet Voice brings four-start forth the cream of the new record TO IN F releases in a new column devoted Music by to music.

THE TREND in "pop" music tor, Kostelanetz. has swung over to small combos, percussive, lyric but, as usual, COUNT BASIE and his aggregation have come up can be put in one con with two fine recordings. Jimmy out losing taste. But a Rushing leads the way on "Jim- it's refreshing, original, a my's Blues"—COL. 36831—and ways fascinating. back seat drives the band on

Count right up at the top for sort of thing.-D.W. these many years.

In the combo department, ED-DIE CONDON takes the honors. He has gathered some of the more righteous jazz men around him and has come out with a terrific rendition of "When Your Lover Teagarden and Bobby Hackett are featured. It's the best thing we've heard in many a hash mark.

Mention of MAURICE ROC-CO'S trio should not be held off any longer. Very nice piano work and with Cozy Cole and Billy Taylor in there, you can't go wrong. We suggest trying "Shade of the Old Apple Tree"—GUILD 635-145
—as a starter. If it affects you like it did us, you can go on from there. He has made a lot of sides with narv a lemon.

of the tracks, we ran across a only about 500,000.

vant: orches Symphony of N rhythmic, and anythic

WELL, there they are for i "Patience and Fortitude"-COL. week. Next issue we'll have mor of the top tunes being released Basie still has his fine rhythm and also a few tips on collectors' section and they provide that items for you people who have terrific drive that has kept the money enough to indulge in that

> Fund Raising In Chap. 2 By Party

In its first attempt at fund rais-Has Gone"-DECCA 23393. Jack ing, the recently formed Indianapolis Chapter No. 2 will hold a card party on March 22 at its new headquarters in Fountain Square Building.

Earl Allen, chairman for the affair, expects to fill at least 50 tables. Others serving on the committee are Art Brummett and Bill Watson.

President Truman told a news conference that the Army and Navy have discharged more than 7,500,000 persons since last Octo-Swinging over to the other side ber. The total last August was



FIRST TO USE the honeymoon cottage at Danville, Ill., which an anonymous benefactor is offering free for three days to any veteran, are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fenent, who were married in February, 1943, but never had a chance for a honeymoon. Unable to buy or rent a house, they've been living with Mrs. Fenent's parents since Paul's discharge. The couple is shown planning their first meal in the cottage's modern furnished kitchen

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### HONEYMOON HOUSE FREE TO VETS National Wants Military Stripped Of Control Over Atomic Power

mittee of AVC has its way, the they indicate their support by tight restrictive grip the Army telegrams and similar messages has on atomic control will be to the Senate atomic control combroken. The Committee has come mittee. complete approval for the McMahon Bill which provides control of the atomic bomb be THE BILL is presently in committee and is slated to be brought control of the weapon wou

If the National Planning Com- make a similar stand and that

vested in a military board, sub- out for discussion within the next sult in a restrictive proge servient to a civilian commission. few days, if favorable action is which would keep atomic energy In an open letter to all field bers. However, strong committee keep from the world all the secretaries, the committee has sentiment has been reported to scientific possibilities unfolded by urged that all AVC chapters favor army and navy representa- atomic discovery.

tion on the control committee.

AVC headquarters is basing its stand in favor of the McMahon Bill because it provides for stimulation of research and development of atomic energy for the benefit of mankind, instead of being channeled into a weapon of

received from committee mem- a deep, dark secret that would

# Your Application for Membership

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#### TTLE REPORT

metimes you can keep people a welter of daily reports from om talking unkindly about you each theater of war. imply by doing all the gabbing high places, too.

THIS IS NOT INTENDED as a will tell the whole truth.

mind that some bright gentleman have prevented that disaster. in the Navy Department started

acts and official strategy and they ever. decided to beat outsiders to the

Coral Sea engagements.

criticism of the Navy Department. The conduct of the Naval war tant conclusion to be drawn from from the disaster at Pearl Har- the pictures and text of the first bor to the final riding at anchor two volumes of "Battle Report" in Tokyo Bay will be the subject is that on the morning of Decemof innumerable volumes - histo- ber 7, 1941, we had almost lost ries that run from outright cas. the war. The Fleet was simply tigation to adulatory praise. None decimated and it does not seem

trol to the crossing of the Rhine. for realistic fighting. Volume I detailed our Naval ac-

picked by the Navy Department of the enemy that saved us. to compile the semi-official record.

a good many the scant facts required. t that does credit to the Navy

Statement Of Intentions

We look forward toward becoming civilians; mak-

ing a decent living, raising a family, and living in freedom from the threat of another war. But that is

what most Americans wanted from the last war. They found that military victory does not automatically

bring peace, jobs or freedom. To guarantee our in-

terests, which are those of our country, we must work

ican men and women, regardless of race, creed, or

color, who are serving with or who have been hon-

orably discharged from our armed forces, merchant

marine, or allied forces. When we are demobilized it

will be up to all of us to decide what action can best

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Disarmament of Germany and Japan and the elim-

Active participation in the United Nations Organi-

Establishment of an international veterans council

zation to stop any threat of aggression and to promote

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for the furtherance of world peace and justice among

enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture, and

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ination of the power of their militarist classes.

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a smattering of the facts. newspapers and radio saw to that, ar & Rinehart - \$3.50 each) almost deluging the public with

But seeing it altogether for the yourself. It has been done in first time makes one realize that without such histories as this the facts are almost meaningless.

THE FIRST and most imporpossible at this juncture that any-It was probably with this in thing short of a miracle could

It appears, too, that all of our the "Battle Report" series back Pacific island bases could at that point have been easily over-The Secretary and the admirals whelmed. Why the Japanese kne wthat there would have to failed to exploit their victory will be public explanations of official remain a baffling question for-

For it was not until we were on our knees in the Pacific that we finally awoke to the realities "THE ATLANTIC WAR" is the of war. It was not until we had

Walter Karig, Welbourn Kelley, We were down to small change,

And yet we muddled through. All were men with newspaper Somehow the creaking machinery potentially dangerous French fleet experience. By and large they of the Navy Department went on that couldn't make up its mind

> MANY OF THESE things are already forgotten. "Battle Report"

### Grant Files For South Bend Race

Robert A. Grant, one of the men who voted against the essential provisions of the Patman Housing Bill three weeks ago, filed for renomination on the Republican ticket for the House of Representatives last week. He represents the South Bend district, and if nominated he will be running for his fifth term.

Upon filing his candidacy for the May primary Mr. Grant said: "My platform in this campaign is that same set of principles which has guided me during my seven years in congress-fundamental Americanism. We will continue to fight to preserve free, representative government.

Just how well Mr. Grant has represented people of his district is shown in his recorded vote on important measures in columns to the right.

#### GOOD OR BAD—Here's His Record On Some Vital Issues

FOR

Dies Committee Extension — 1942 Anti-Poll Tax Bill - 1943 Opposing \$25,000 limit on salaries — 1943 Reduced funds for OPA enforcement — 1943 Case Anti-Labr: Bill - 1946

**AGAINST** Guam Naval Base - 1939 Conscription Act — 1939 Lend-Lease — 1939 Draft Extension — 1941 Roll Call on soldier votes - 1944 Patman Housing Bill for subsidies and price ceiling on present houses — 1946

second in the series, and it covers been beaten unmercifully that we Do you remember how we dug the period of the Neutrality Pa- showed any disposition and talent the Nazis out of the icebound islands of the North Atlantic; The recent publication of how we hunted modern submation from Pearl Harbor to the Churchill's secret speeches to the rines with 110-foot chips of wood House of Commons confirms this. that (under orders) splintered themselves in ramming actions; Earl Burton, and Stephen L. Free and it was only the timidity and the experimental amphibious land (all Naval officers) were lack of imagination on the part monsters that were wholly unproved when they made their first landing in North Africa; the and held the balance of for so many months?

Whew!

PRETTY MUCH the whole Almost everyone has more than is a refresher course in reality. story is in "Battle Report" — a sorry and yet an inspiring one. The set is a must for the men who went down to the sea in ships and, in spite of some of the things left unsaid, it will ably serve to keep a major part of the record straight—LARRY HILL.

### Constitution Aids New Officers In Michigan City

Continuing its spirit of cooperation the Michigan City AVC chapter read and passed its official constitution at a single meeting on February 28th. The constitution consisted of eight typewritten pages and was the work of Kenneth Young, chapter chairman and Burton Ruby, state

election of officers for the April 11th meeting and Chairman Kenneth Young appointed the following members to the nominating committee: Burton Ruby, W. G. Dabbert, William Priebe, Howard Wolfe and Clarence Downs. Mr. Young will serve on the committee in an ex officio capacity.

The nominating committee will pick a slate of two members for each office and will present it to the members at the March 28 meeting at which time floor nominations will also be accepted. Ballots will then be dispatched to all active members and at the April 11th meeting the new officers will be named.

RI. 2531

### BRIDES HAVE FINAL FLING IN PARIS



THE LAST TIME THEY SAW PARIS the French war brides of GIs made the rounds of the cafes and here Corp. Joe Kneer, San Mateo, Cal., with his French wife (at left) watch a floor show girl model the sort of bathing suits to be worn this summer on the Riviera. But wait until they see the new diaper suits on the beaches of the U.S.A.

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AND WHO'S WORRIED ABOUT BUTTER?—The frets and cares of tightening a nation's belt are blotted out instantly by feasting your eyes on lovely Rita Hayworth above-and why not? Hasn't she been named by the Society of Illustrators, a group of leading American beauty experts, as the most seductive woman of all these United States?

# Finding Place to Live Proving Tough Job for Against AVC Supported Health Plan VA Although Welfare of Vets Depends on It

all its own in Indiana as it ing, containing over 125,000 town location," and a permanent is facing an acute housing short-

large office buildings in down-

ill need to operate efficiently. The 64 business establishments presently located in the building peak of hospitalization is not ex-Attempting to find adequate of have voiced a vigorous protest fice space to meet the tremen- with Louis Ludlow, House Demodous amount of business heaped crat in Washington, as well as on it in recent weeks-and still Senator Capehart and Willis, in years are really critical years and mounting by the hour—the VA an eleventh hour attempt to stave has made several attempts to get off the possible eviction.

yielding to the pressure as he problems. BEST OF THE LOT appeared suggested a compromise measure

The Veterans' Administration to be the Century Building, a whereby temporary units could modern, downtown office build- be constructed at some "down-

> the belief that long range planning was in order because the pected until 1975.

VA officials, however, have pointed out that the next two that the entire success of their program depends largely on how LUDLOW APPEARED to be well they handle the immediate Drive for Members

> THEY ARE said to feel that present facilities in the crowded growing pains, Indianapolis Chap-Old Trails Building are definitely not adequate to do a decent job even on the limited amount of own. business being conducted to date.

This building houses only a outskirts of town. A move into have said, will bring about more days, the new move was consid-tion the appalling health stanco-ordination and efficiency of ered necessary since almost one dards of our nation's youth which in Indiana.

## La Follette, AVC Speaker, Attends Important Meeting for World Peace

dianapolis has just concluded a tions of war or peace for itself." conference on world government in Florida.

He had been selected as one of the members of the committee which was composed of some of America's most prominent scien-

tists, legislators, and leaders in business and industry. They were concerned with a world government ample enough to control atomic power and other super weapons of war.

conference LaFollette, a liberal of the world."

Representative Charles M. La- Republican, declared, "There can Follette, (R. Ind.) who is slated be no absolute guarantee of peace to be the principal speaker at the so long as any nation has the AVC banquet on April 11 in In- sovereign right to decide ques-

> LAFOLLETTE, who has announced nounced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate from Indiana, said that the United Nations must be "transformed from a league of sovereign states into a government empowered by the peoples of the world to act to prevent war."

To accomplish this, he said, "We must have free exchange of Upon the concluding day of the information between all peoples

Consistent, Anyway

# St. Joseph County Medical Society

The St. Joseph County Medical Society read a familiar thermometer last week which always makes their temperature rise. In a meeting in South Bend they went on record opposing the Wagner-Murray health insurance legislation slated to come before Congress sometime in April. In doing so they lined themselves up against the kind of a program that AVC is supporting.

The bill would make medical

plan, and is the type of thing the approved a resolution suppostate AVC has publicly supported "cradle to grave" health second since the state convention

Indp'ls Chapter 2 Gets New Home,

Proudly bearing the marks of ter No. 2 has just announced that it now has a home it can call its slum areas,

Located at 310 Fountain Square cialism. Building on the south side, the new site has a recreation room, kitchen and hat check room.

100 new members set for March. five-year period.

service available to all persons, Gary in January. It was at the Evention deleg in measures.

Speaking on behalf of the me. cal group, Dr. George W. Roseiul heimer listed the following fthe miliar arguments:

1. Medical care would deter

2. It would be too expensive.

3. It would be regimentation.

4. Experience in England and Germany was bad.

5. Will not prevent disease in

6. Would be a trend toward so-

DR. ROSENHEIMER evidently did not comment on the lack of medical care in lower incom. ALTHOUGH this chapter has brackets, or what could be done a centralized location, VA officials been organized less than sixty about it. He also failed to menthe entire Indiana operation, and hundred vets now belong to the were uncovered when young mer I

### VA Employee Drive Is At End With Help To Do The Job

Approximately one thousand persons are now employed at small portion of the VA facilities, state headquarters of the Veterans Administration in Indianapolis the balance being located on the following completion of the employee drive which closed, Tuesday, March 19. During the month long period, over 2,500 persons were interviewed, and 604 received as-

signments. expected to pay dividends in

Help!

Best indication as to the almost fantastic rise in Veterans Administration affairs is revealed in a set of figures just released by state headquarters for VA. Disability awards to veterans of World War I in Indiana, covering a 27 year period just ended shows that 11,152 individuals received the benefits. Figures for the first six months following the end of World War II, shows that almost twice the number of awards-20,-998 to be specific - have been awarded to vets of this war.

cleaning up the backlog of 17,000 cases existing at present, cases which have put VA under fire because the serious lack of personnell made it impossible to act upon claims in a prompt and efficient manner.

Most of the new employees will work crowded downtown offices of VA located in the Old Trails Building. Other employees of VA are at present located on the out-

skirts of town, but are to be THIS EMPLOYEE DRIVE is brought under one roof as soon as is deemed a necessity if VA is chapter. A membership drive has were examined for induction into adequate office space can be to carry out its assigned mission been announced with a goal of the armed services during the last

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# WYATT HOUSING DEFEATED

# BY AVC ON HOUSING ACTION

Following defeat of the prime measures of the Patman bill in certed action. He asked them to contact their local representatives of the Republican party and to warn them that they hold the program which would give the United States 2,700,000 homes in two years. They were: Republican party responsible for

housing program"—the subsidy provision of the Patman Bill.

In a state-wide appeal to veterans, Mr. Larner pointed out that not a single Republican had voted for the subsidy provision. "We urge all veterans in districts represented by Gillie, Grant, Springer, Johnson, and Halleck to take ecial steps to inform these ressmen that believe bill was a vote en, and one they streets held count for."

THE ISSUE IS DEAR," coned Mr. Larner. "Shall the vet be floused or shall this be a victory for the "special interests

This action was taken in conunction with a nation-wide protest by the National Headquarters of AVC launched when not single Republican voted for the provision in what appeared to be a political move with the veteran to be the victim. AVC has advocated such a bill since November as the only answer to the erst housing crisis in our na-'s history.

### 61'sFree From How ax 6 Months

presentedGeneral James A. mert said this week that a scharged veteran was exempt from poll tax for six month after his discharge

## REPUBLICANS HELD TO ACCOUNT House Defeats Major Proposals Which Would Give Vet a Break and Solve Acute Housing Problem

Housing seemed more remote to the veteran today than it did when he was on a desolate far-off Congress by Republicans and Southern Democrats Martin Larner, battlefield overseas. Then it was a fond, distant, dream. But now, the defeat of essential parts of the State Chairman of the Indiana Council of The American Veterans Wyatt housing program in Congress this week smashed those dreams and replaced them with a committee on Wednesday, March 6 called on Hoosier vets for con- wandering and confused emptiness as the serviceman tried desperately to find a place to live.

Republicans and Southern Democrats alike lined up solidly to defeat two significant measures of

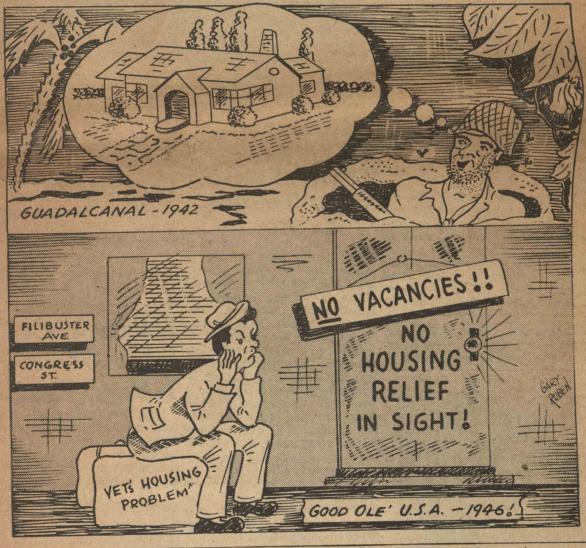
1. To place a price ceiling on all present housing in order to make

them available for the veteran. 2. Grant subsidies to the building industry to control the cost of future housing.

MR. TRUMAN had called the two proposals the "heart" of his building program. Defeat of the measures by the House focused attention on the bill as it was nearing final form in the lower House and got ready to move over to the Senate in its weakened and comparatively inept form. Labor and industrial leaders

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## defeat of what President Truman Nothing's Too Good For Our Boys...Oh Yeah?



#### AVC Chap. Sends Belated Appeal For Patman Bill

Telegrams supporting the Patman bill presently before Congress were sent to Rep. Charles LaFollette, liberal Republican and Rep. Louis Ludlow, Democrat, by Indianapolis Chapter No. 1 following their bi-weekly meeting on February 20. The bill would provide ceilings on all real estate and bring property within the range of vet pocketbooks.

It is also expected that such action would bring present property down to the level where banks could recognize a far higher percentage of GI loans as practical investments, and thereby furnish greater opportunity for veterans to become home buyers under the G. I. Bill provi-

## Network Established For VA Speed-Up Service To Vet

The Veterans Administration headquarters in Indiana this week completed plans for a thorough network of contact agencies in every principal Indiana city designed to speed up service to veterans. Merrill D. Cummins, regional

director, announced this week that eleven more cities have been add-

bany, Madison, Vincennes, Ander- our service to the veteran." son, Kokomo, Logansport, Bedford, Greensburg, Goshen, Craw- EACH OFFICE will be staffed and Gary.

"How soon the offices can be ed to the list of eight established opened will depend upon condia few weeks before, and that prac- tions in each community," Mr. tically every ex-serviceman in In- Cummins said. "Satisfactory diana can now be easily reached. space in each locality is now be-THE NEW OFFICES, contact ing sought, and as soon as it is units, will be opened in New Al- turned over to us we will extend

fordsville, and New Castle. This with a trained consultant and a will be in addition to those al- stenographer. It will be their duty ready set up in Bloomington, Ev- to promote the prompt and effiansville, Ft. Wayne, Lafayette, cient processing of all claims con-Muncie, South Bend, Terre Haute, cerning the veteran, and to see that those claims are in proper

order when they al headquarters in Indianapolis.

This is part of the procedure whereby the Veterans Administration expects to clean up the entire backlog of 17,000 claims by Au-

#### Concentrated Support

The Terre Haute chapter of AVC registered their support for the OPA and set some sort of record in the bargain. Ed Helms, chairman of the new chapter in Terre Haute, working with other members of the chapter, circulated a petition asking for continuance of OPA past the present June deadline. Less than twelve hours after the first name was placed on the petition, it was in an envelope and on its way to Washington. On the list were 1,760 names.

## AVC Protests Corps Action As Men Gripe About Discharge Rate

The American Veterans Committee last week protested Marine Corps policy of withholding information about demobilization schedules and the arrest of Marines in Honolulu who had circulated a petition opposing the demobilization practices.

In connection with the arrest in Honolulu of T/Sgt. Jason B. Schaeffer of Harrisburg, Pa.; S/ Sgt. Harry N. Cooley of New Or- you in the future to permit Maleans, La., and Sgt. George M. rines, who are also citizens in a Darcy, Bronx, N. Y., for their part democracy, to express themselves in preparing a petition of protest in a peacable and democratic against Marine Corps demobiliza- fashion." tion practices, Charles G. Bolte, graphed Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, cable signed by 150 Marines, commandant of the U. S. Marine which was sent to President Tru-Corps: "We feel that arrest is man, Secretary of the Navy Forunduly strong action to take restal, Gen. Vandegrift, the Chairagainst men who have tried to men of the House and Senate bring what they consider injustices in Marine Corps policies to the AVC. The cable said: your attention. We would urge

THE MEN were arrested for a Naval Affairs Committees, and to

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### Centralized Location in Indianapolis Is Established for VA Vet Service

A lot of veterans will be saving shoe leather in the Indianapolis area from now on. The Veterans Administration has just opened up a central agency in downtown Indianapolis where the veteran can get every bit of infor-

mation and service offered by the VA within the brick confines of one building.

The Old Trail Building located on the southwest corner of Senate and Washington, has been entirely taken over by the VA, which is now in the process of moving every one of their service agencies into the new location.

This includes all information services for claims, vocational rehabilitation, educational benefits, Ioan guarantee offices, and other facilities designed to give the vet a helping hand.

WHEN THE NEW offices reach top efficiency they are expected to handle about 750 GIs a week who will be applying for benefits provided under the GI Bill of Rights.

This will be in addition to the backlog of 17,000 unprocessed claims which have lain idle because of shortage of personnel and regearing of the machinery necessary to handle potential business of the millions of servicemen discharged to date.

The personnel problem is being steadily licked as 1,700 persons evade ceiling price regulations on were interviewed during the past wholesale poultry purchases is two-week period, and 400 have al- among the charges in federal intion, while another 600 will be nounced last week. located at the Veterans Hospital activities will be handled. It is Clifford P. Barton, Williamsport; emphasized, however, that the Samuel E. Lewsader, Oxford; downtown location will be the John Lickert, Ft. Wayne, and only center where servicemen Lloyd K. Mason, Corunna. need to ge, except for final processing at the Fairgrounds in some forcement attorney, and Alexand-

all VA agencies in a convenient district, said most of the poultry downtown location is expected to involved in the cases was bought be a big help to foot weary veter. from farmers for night clubs ans. However, it must be pointed and "chicken shacks" in Detroit out that a definite need still ex- and Chicago. ists for a centralized agency where the ex-serviceman can go civilian life. State government for him in his readjustment to ty by the national government.

#### Snores Fortissimo

Clinging to the rent ceiling in face of mounting pressure the OPA has a further headache in the increasing number of eviction notices filed by landlords to evict tenants for various reasons. In February the total number of eviction requests hovered close to the two thousand mark in Indianapolis alone. One of these was because the owner living in one half of his double house felt the renter was a nuisance.

"But that's not reason enough," was the emphatic OPA reply. "You must be more

The owner elaborated ,"The man is a definite nuisance. He snores too loud."

### "Chicken" Dealers In Shady Deal Indicted By OPA

Payment of "side money" to ready received assignments. It is dictments returned against six expected that 450 persons will be Indiana dealers in the northern employed at the downtown loca- Indiana district, OPA officials an-

Those listed in the indictment and at the State Fairgrounds are Merle E. Henderson and where the clerical work for VA Waldo Barton, Pine Village;

Addison M. Dowling; OPA ener Campbell, United States dis-THIS MOVE of concentrating trict attorney for the northern

to get all information necessary has been handed that responsibili-



APPEARING AT A DEMONSTRATION in front of New York City's Board of Transportation building, where his supporters paraded carrying signs setting forth transit workers' demands for a \$2-a-day pay increase, Michael J. Quill, president of the Transit Workers union (CIO) flashes the "V-for-Victory" sign.

### WHERE LUCKY GI STUDENTS LIVE IN STYLE



FOURTEEN GI STUDENTS at Columbia university, and their brides, have found a luxurious solution to the housing problem. They are comfortably entrenched in historic Nevis house, mansion built at Irvington-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., by Col. James Alexander Hamilton, descendant of Alexander Hamilton, who named the house for the birthplace of the first secretary of the treasury. Exterior and in terior views of the mansion are shown above.

### Gillie In Favor Group Demands

citizens and the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers Union in sending demands to Representative George W. Gillie, Ft. Wayne, that OPA be continued past its June deadline.

Gillie entered the statements into the Congressional Record Selects Officers Gillie entered the statements and said that the threat of inflation is greater today than it In Recent Election was after World War I when "the hardship and suffering was so great that I, who rememtory repeat itself.

Until production approaches day, Feb. 20. normal, Gillie concluded, "and until demands and supply are who had resigned the week before uncontrolled prices."

### CIO Council Head Urges Adoption Of Bailey Bill

of financing strike-breaking," was urged by Walter Frisbie, secretary of the Indiana C. I. O. congressmen.

of the revenue acts. These pro- the proposed legislation. period, he asserted.

### Executive Council Telesphs Ind. Of OPA Following Congressmen for Wyatt Housing Bik

Meeting for the second time in three weeks, the India A committee of World War II Executive Council in Bloomington on Sunday, March 3, sent vets in Ft. Wayne last week telegrams to every Indiana member of Congress urging supjoined hands with Ft. Wayne port of housing legislation presently before the House.

This legislation provided ceilings on housing costs, gran ed subsidies to the building industry, gave priority to vet

housing, and numerous other measures designed to implement the housing program of 2,700,00 homes unfolded recently by Wilson Wyatt, national housing ex-

THIS MEETING of the cil followed close on the h ing was held in the Chi room in the L Building, on the India sity campus, where the bull the Bloomington chapter members of AVC are registered.

In addition to the action in sup-Secretary for the state-wide or port of the housing measure, Exganization also resigned as Secre- ecutive Council members heard a tary and was replaced by Meyer report from Arthur Zinkin, Jr., executive secretary, who told of tentative plans for chapters in seven more Indiana cities. Minor chairman by acclamation and Bill changes were also made in the Constitution in which more spe cific provisions were made regard

IN RESPONSE to a request by the National Headquarters of AVC, a delegate was selected for the --tional constitution commitwhich would place a price ceiling tee. Rabbi Albert Schulman, South Bend, was selected.

Attendance was rather disap pointing in that delegates from day, April 7, at Michigan City.

# Indianapolis No. 1

Phil Irwin, former vice-chair- the initial session held in In among families of fixed incomes man of Indianapolis Chapter No. apolis at state headquarte 1 became chairman of the organ- February 10. The Blood ber it, am not anxious to see his. ization following election of offi- chapter played host and cers at the meeting on Wednes-

Irwin replaced Martin Larner, more nearly equal, I believe that to devote full time to the duties it would be disastrous to permit of State Chairman of AVC. Arthur Zinkin Jr., new executive

LARRY HILL was elected vice-Clune retained his position of Adoption of the Bailey bill, treasurer. The officers will serve which, he said, would "take the until the national convention to ing the duties of the officers. government out of the business be held in Des Moines, Iowa, in

Action favoring the Patman council, in a letter to all Indiana Bill presently before Congress, The Bailey bill would repeal on all real estate, was taken in refund and carry-back provisions which the group went in favor of

visions guarantee corporations a A report on housing was also several chapters were not pre refund to make up for loss of presented in which it was pointed ent. Martin Larner, state chairprofits during the reconversion out by Irwin that little had been man for AVC pointed out that done to alleviate the housing while all state officers were pres-"It is preposterous," the letter shortage in the capitol city. He ent, they could not represent their said, "that the government be went on to show also that 19 respective chapters as delegates. placed in a position where \$20, dwellings had been torn down to He emphasized the importance of 000,000,000 of its treasury is sub- make way for industrial expan- having 100% representation at ject to withdrawal by corpora sion, thereby worsening the con- the next meeting, to be held Sundition.

### REPORTER UNFOLDS HOUSING SNAFU IN INDIANAPOLIS



The veterans service commission operating in South Bend gave in that city a helping hand when they procured 180 temporary dwellings for servicemen. First veteran to move in was Archie W. Rajeski, shown above with his wife and child at the door of their new abode. The veterans referral center said housing in South Bend was so short that Rajeski had been forced to live under miserable conditions before this break. Consisting of two to three bedrooms the houses range from \$33 to \$37 a month. They are being placed in parks, land tracts, and other property belonging to the city. Courtesy of South Bend Tribune

### **AVC Intentions in Partial Victory** As Employment Bill Becomes Law

vn Version Becomes "Emproyment Act Of 1946"

Full employment, a plank in the framework of the VC statement of intentions, took a hesitant step forward to the governmental doorstep. last week when President Truman signed the "Employment Lt. James O. Bryant, an Army Act of 1946."

ployment" were taken out and the tion. vernment was instead directed methese c

However, passage of the bill full employment. is still a departure in policy. It represented the theory that exme fluctuations — booms and depressions—were part of the inevitable course of things, as a more than 50 diseases that are look into past economic shakeups transmissible from animals to Tax Returns Are in the U.S. reveals. But the bill man.

This bill started through Con- provides a council of three ecowill be to foresee the economic AS IT MADE its way through storms, and to advise the Presiogress, however, it took on a dent on just how to batten down support. bit of watering here and there, the hatches and ride through the and was a somewhat weaker rough days. A joint Congression- in Bryant'e plan whereby the the time it reached the Presi up to study the periodic reports, each veteran would provide a dent's desk. The words "full em- and to devise appropriate legisla-

to what it could toward main. extensive as the original, it is plete the project. "high levels" of employ. still a planned and scientific ap-

#### TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES

Medical authorities recognize

### MOTHER OF 4 THREATENS LIFE IF SHE CAN'T FIND HOME SOON

A note of tragedy was struck in the Bedford housing situation last week when a young mother of four children said she would end her life unless she found a home by the end of the week. She made the threat inan unsigned note, dropped into a letter slot in the news room of the Bedford Times-Mail by a boy under school age.

The letter said: "Would you please print this letter in your paper in the hope that some one who reads it may help me to find a place to live? I would take anything from a tworoom apartment (unfurnished) to a five-room house. I'm not particular about it being so nice.

"I ran across a house on the west side yesterday. It was not very good but I would have been very glad if I could ented it a month or two until I could find some other ut I was informed by the owner that it is to be torn

.. desperate. If I can't find a house by the last of this Na. I'll get me a place in Green Hill or Cresthaven. The four children will be taken care of somehow. A desperate Mother." Green Hill and Cresthaven are city cemeteries.

### N.J. Vet Fights for Co-op Housing

A veteran in New Brunswick, N. J., took matters into his own hands last week regarding the housing situation in his home town and carried the ball right engineer, formed a cooperative organization composed of 200 ss more than a year ago being nomic advisers to the President vets, took an option on a fifty lessly referred to as the "full at \$15,000 a year, whose duty it acre tract on the outskirts of New Brunswick, and went to Washington to get governmental

> Officials there are interested \$100,000 completion bond, with

If the financial problem can. ities can be granted by the gov. in the city were in the process of "emergency callers," but there is ernment, the co-op expects to closing 41 dwelling units in pro- still a waiting list of more than have houses ready for occupancy test against OPA ceiling prices. 250 for the resident rooms. in nine months.

# Filled For Free

The harassing problem of filling out income tax returns has been made easier for Indiana veterans by establishment of a tax aid center in the Indianapolis Post Office. Operating entirely without charge to the veteran, a crew of specially trained auditors have been assigned to assist veterans, the majority of whom are having to file for back years.

Operating under the direction of Mr. F. Shirely Wilcox, Collector of Internal Revenue the auditors have been handling the tax returns at the rate of one hundred a day, and the rate is being stepped up as more and more vets are released from service.

It has been found that most of the men have to file for past years, and that in most cases substantial refunds are in order for earned income during the periods of 1942 and 1943.

## SOUTH BEND VET GETS TEMPORARY HOUSING AVC Information Used to Show Lack of Planning As Main Cause

A king-sized stick of dynamite was placed squarely in the center of the Indianapolis housing situation last week by the simple, direct method of telling the truth. In several daily front page articles, Richard Lewis, Indianapolis Times reporter and former doughfoot and Stars and Stripes reporter in Europe, listed a series of causes, and implied that poor city planning, selfishness, and general snafu were at the base of the trouble.

### SAID:

TWO: A number of citizens weeks as a result. whose public spirit would ordinarily be beyond question are taking advantage of the veteran's plight to sell him inflated prop-

THREE: A short-sighted program by the city administration. their homes. (Lucky fellows).

LISTING LACK of planning at the top of the list, Mr. Lewis told sons to make way for industrial time. expansion, facts that were uncovered by the American Veter- are out of money. ans Committee working with the dustrial building as housing had ever. been under way in the Capitol City since V-J Day.

ANOTHER FACT, he stated, was that four years ago the city administration failed to act when the federal government offered to finance multi-family housing projects. (Not slum clearance program, but for middle income posed such programs on grounds Are Receiving of "federal meddling" and "un-warranted subsides" warranted subsidy." (Ed. note: They are making the same statements today. For more information see story headed "What Every Realtor Should Know." They said they could handle all the building Indianapolis needed.

HOUSED according to any plan to their rooming problems at the set up by the mayor's housing city's Y. M. C. A. committee, the report continued. drink of economic legislation by al committee of seven men is set \$500 down payment put up by manner, and none of these plans organization's central branch, RFC placing at their disposal cent of the 20,000 veterans look- are now in the Y's permanent While the new law is not as the \$1,500,000 necessary to com- ing for a permanent home in In- resident rooms. The remainder dianapolis.)

One man, Mr. C. E. Booth, already MORE SPECIFICALLY HE has closed three of his apartments in protest against the OPA. ONE: The city has taken no He said he cannot afford to rent effective steps to rehouse the vet- them at present prices. They have remained idle for several

> OPA FIGURES showed that 1,700 eviction notices were handled during the month of January for the following reasons.

- 1. Returning servicemen want
- 2. Landlords have servicemen sons returning.
- 3. Servicemen in desperation of the ruthless destruction of 19 take places beyond their ability to buildings housing over 100 per- pay and come up short at rent
  - 4. Striking industrial workers

5. Some owners try to evict ten-Veteran's of Foreign Wars. He ants in order to cash in on a also gave other AVC figures to "bonus" offer for a vacant house. show that five times as much in- These are in the minority, how-

> The "Welcome Home" mat that the citizenry in the Hoosier capitol had unrolled for the returning serviceman had worn a little

# Home-Seeking Vets Top Priority at Y

While the Indianapolis housing shortage grows daily more severe, hundreds of service men and veterans of World War II are finding a temporary—and NO VETERAN HAS BEEN sometimes permanent - solution

All "top priority" guests, more Only 500 families will eventually than 300 GIs and former GIs are be taken care of in a temporary occupying rooms each day at the

would take care of about 2 per- Approximately 100 veterans are in temporary quarters in the In a later article Mr. Lewis large dormitory. Four transient proach designed to help establish be overcome, and building prior- showed evidence where landlords rooms are kept open to handle

### BRADLEY AN ALL-STAR KIBITZER



VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION CHIEF General Omar Bradley does a bit of four-star kibitzing as he watches a three-handed game of hearts played by convalescing GIs at the Veterans' Hospital, Bronx, N. Y. The players are (l. to r.) Cpl. Ben Sorrentino, Bridgeport, Conn.; T/4 Robert Rogers, Beacon, N. Y.; and Sgt. William Atwood, Bronx, N. Y.



### Please, Mr. Tunney, Get Off The Floor

Gene Tunney, survivor of 30 gruelling rounds against Jack Dempsey years ago, is among residents of Fairfield County, Connecticutt, and Westchester County, New York, who object to the recommendation of a United Nations Organization committee that UNO's permanent quarters be located in that swank suburban area within easy commuting distance of New York City.

Outside of one sarcastic remark that UNO is looking for a site near New York's night clubs, most of the ob- posal, which has shown what must be done jections seem to be coming from people afraid of losing in order to build 2,700,000 homes in two their homes or of being given the alternative of living in an years, has been based on the cry that this area no longer under the jurisdiction of the United States. was "more government control."

Such motives, though obviously selfish, are understandable. If any of us were told that we might have to move bers voted against permitting a price ceilout of our homes within a year, if we had homes, we would ing on dwellings now standing, they said, have an immediate impulse to object, especially during this period when a place to live is more difficult to find than a field of four leaf clovers. If we knew that our own loans have been approved to date. The precious land were to be used as a site for a new aquarium principal reason has been that prices are or brewery, we'd defend our homes with bean blowers too high for banks loaning the cash to conand spitballs if necessary.

But if we found out that it was the United Nations Or- THE VETERAN CAN'T BUY A HOME ganization wanting our little plot of earth, then we might TODAY. feel a little better about the deal, because we feel that UNO is our one great hope in the continuing struggle for a lasting peace.

Therefore that organization is entitled to nothing but ing industry," they said. "LIFT the restricthe best. Ift it considered our home as the best site for tions and the building industry can lick its permanent activities, why we might even be proud to the problem." take our grandchildren around the grounds some day to show them what happened to the old homestead.

Newspaper photos showed Gene Tunney and his buddies sitting around in plus homes and looking disgruntled about the whole thing. We wonder if Jack Dempsey agrees Letters to with us that their attitude leaves something to be desired.

If they do lose their homes, they will have more time to search for new dwellings than most of the millions of Dear Editor: families now searching for a place to keep the family together. If they stay where they are, we trust that our life as they were in service, we government will make provisions for them to retain their present for your consideration, U. S. citizenship.

And what if those residents who choose to remain in a. the UNO area are required to fall under the administration of the world organization? Then, we believe, they will some day be looked upon as pioneering citizens of a world government.

Some day in the not-too-distant future the world will have to choose between world law or more world war. We haven't much doubt as to what the choice will be. When that day comes, residents of Fairfield and Westchester will be able to assure us that it isn't bad at all, much better than a third world war.

So we'd like to see Mr. Tunney get up off the floor b. Captain McVey of the Navy before the count of thirteen to lead his friends in a loud and sincere welcome to the United Nations Organization.

#### A HOME WITH THE WARREST AND TH

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#### AN EDITORIAL

### Defeat Of Wyatt Plan Means Defeat To Vet

is over. People can now start running hellbent in all directions at the same time.

There are persons who obviously feel that since casualty lists no longer are compiled in column form, that every act of war — and the resultant effects — can be washed away in the expression "FREE EN-TERPRISE."

We are, of course, referring to the defeat that has just been nailed on the Wyatt housing plan. Members of Congress specifically defeated measures which would lick the housing emergency existing at present.

Principal objection to the Wyatt pro-

For instance, when Congressional mem-"That's more governmental red-tape. We want less of it." Yet, only 2% of the GI sider the ex-GI and the little home "he fought for" to be a good risk. IN SHORT

How about building one? Our Congressional opponents had a way of handling that one, too. "No hubsidies to the build-

As easy as that. Yet, a subsidy will definitely bring prices down to the \$6,000 price - and figures show that amount to

The last shot has been fired. The war be absolute tops for 85% of the returning servicemen. THEY JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY MORE.

AVC, on the other hand, has supported the Wyatt plan lock, stock and subsidy for the simple reason that it is the only plan that has been presented to date which would lick the problem. We recognize that it is more governmental control, but we realize, too, that it is the answer to the greatest building crisis in our history.

We simply have an earnest desire to see that the veteran has some place to live. That's our aim in a nutshell.

But how is he living at present? Unless he owned a home when he went away to war, he is living with his parents, crowded into a one-room shack in old shanty town, battling with his mother-in-law, or going neck deep in debt to pay rents beyond his pay check.

Hell, he's not living — he's existing.

SO WHAT SHOULD BE DONE? We have already answered that. The Wyatt plan must be adopted. Government will supply the controls necessary for efficiency in a war-time manner. Industry would furnish energy and "know how" that would result in 16 billion dollar business for them during the next two years. They would be turning out homes at almost twice the rate they were turned out in the record year of 1925.

Sure it would be a system of government control. But it would be under the kind of system that was used to defeat the enemy during wartime.

It would be a wonderful display of a word called "teamwork,

And it would be fellow learned about the v hard way the veteran.

# The Editor

Just to prove that things can the following:

- Ernie Adamson, counsel for the House Committee investigating un-American activities, has written to columnists and radio commentators asking for their definition of the word democracy, which he seems to consider subversive. He contends that our government has always been a representative republic and was never intended to be a democracy. (Charles Beard had better rewrite his history
- is convicted by court-martial civilian Secretary of the Navy imposes the "severe" penalty not help but wonder what the sentence would have been if it was M 1/c McVey, instead of Captain McVey).
- The National Association of 25 per cent. This same organit is done with mirrors).

M/Sgt. Irv Katz

### WHAT EVERY REALTOR SHOULD KNOW

WHAT THE OPPISITION SAYS:

Speaking before Indianapolis realtors last week, Herbert U. Nelson said:

- 1. Administraion program of producing 2,700,000 further tinkering with economy.
  - 2. It would create more red tape.
  - 3. Subsidies would stifle competition.
  - 4. Controls are bad-totalitarian.

WHAT HE PROPOSES:

- 1. Government should give veteran eash to pur co. homes.
- 2. Outright gift of \$500 to \$2,500 to veteran to purchase
- P. S. Mr. Nelson is executive vice-president of National Association of Real Estate Boards.

### of gross negligence and the Action Speaks Loudest

As AVC digs deeper and deeper into the problems of demotion of 100 places on facing the veteran today, we become more and more newsthe promotion list. (One can-worthy from a newspaper standpoint. Our recent defense of General Bradley was reported by all three Indianapolis dailies, as well as state publications. Editorials have been written by Gary and Indianapolis papers commending our organization as they keep a watchful eye on our progress, Credit Men has already lob. and our attitude on the various questions of the day. One byed 18 state legislatures into Indianapolis daily carried a feature story with pictures in approving a request for a a prominent part of their editions in which they called us constitutional amendment "the largest veterans organization of World War II."

When the new national housing program was announced ization is also supporting a about two weeks ago, comments were printed, quoting is that they must think that Martin Larner, State Chairman, in a statement ir, state chairhe favored the program, pointing out that "AVC I inted out that The above four snafu items November, been actively advocating such a progracers were presshould prove that our job has what does all this add up to. It shows, for one thing, esent their just begun; there is work to be we are THINKING about the many problems of today. But it shows something else as well. We are ACTING on Camp Atterbury, Ind. those problems, too.

# Juest Voice:

Mr. Don F. Datisman, Managing Editor of The Gary Post Tribune Advises Us To Take Active Community Interest As Civilians

Veterans who believe that their welfare is tied inseparably with the welfare of the nation should shoulder their share of the responsibility for the country's well-being.

'Why, of course," the veteran will respond. "That's the belief which led to formation of the American Veterans' Committee in the first place. I'm a member -went to a meeting last night, in fact."

THAT'S ALL VERY FINE. Young as an organization, the AVC has been quick to command respect over the country as a fraternity of veterans working for the interests of the nation. It is growing rapidly and it already has acquired a voice in public affairs far greater than its numbers alone would give it.

But membership in such an organization as the American Veterans' Committee should not suffice for young men who believe in its principles. There's other work to be done.

MANY OF OUR PROBLEMS are handled on the

top level-in Washington, in the state capitols. Many local questions may be answered in city halls. They are the sort in which organizations can serve to express the collective thinking of their members.

But we develop a nation which thinks clearly and acts correctly by developing individuals who can think and act that way.

In every community, there are organizations which are working to improve our local standards, to help develop the right sort of individuals. They need help-volunteers who will serve in the ranks and others who will provide leadership.

VETERANS SHOULD be quick to integrate themselves in the life of the community, to offer their services in the various activities of their neighborhoods and their home towns.

They will find their services welcomed, their thinking appreciated by those who have been carrying the load in these activities.

They will have a genuine contribution to make. Their thinking on community matters will be of high importance during the next few decades. They ought to express their thought at the outset, not wait to voice a "veterans protest" after some decision is

ADULT LEADERSHIP is needed by the Boy Scout movement in almost every part of the country. There's a type of service for which former servicemen are particularly fitted. But the Boy Scouts represent only one of the many youth organizations which are appealing for adult assistance.

Look around your own community. You'll find many ways in which, as a citizen interested in a better America, you can be of continuing service to your country. Don't think you have done your full share when you've paid your dues in a veterans' organiza-

### **About Washington**

Through the Eyes of

#### SENATOR WALDORF GROUSE

Shucks, fellows, I didn't think you'd have the nerve to ask me to write another column after you've been exposed by Westbrook Pegler. But me, I'm broadminded. Besides, I was once called a Communist for voting in favor of a 40c per hour minimum wage.

guess the House has been stealing most of the thunder during the last couple of weeks, what with all the blubbering against the Patman Bill; and then there was that thing they put through which is supposed to throttle a guy named Petrillo. We're looking into that one a little more thoroughly, though. It may be throttling a lot more people than Petrillo, the ordinary guys who work around a radio station. I'm not at all sure about that one yet.

YOU MEN who have been away for two or three years may not understand some of the things that are said up here around you hear often sounds like doubletalk, and that's the capitol. What

iust about what n the Senate, maybe I can explain some of need for definition these days, so I'll y to explain some of the terms often used in speeches in Washingn. You might find these definitions in Webster's Diluted Dictionary, especially the Dixie edition.

Un-American—A term we apply to something we don't like when we can't think of any specific arguments against it.

Bureaucrat-Anybody who works for the government who isn't in Congress. Obviously, therefore, a bad character.

Communist—(1) Anybody who says that Franklin Delano Rooseht was anything better than a mediocre President; (2) anybody fighting discrimination against people with long ears.

Internationalist-A desperado who says we should try to coco-operate with Russia instead of declaring war immediately.

Radical-Anybody in sympathy with the OPA. Crackpot-(1) Anybody who denies that World War III is nievitable; (2) Henry Wallace.

THESE ARE but a few of the terms you may hear frequently a good, blood-curdling Senate debate. No, not all Senators use these colloquialisms, and I admit that some of the definitions can be switched around to fit any of the words on the list.

But I defy you, young man, to sit in on floo rdebates or committee nearings without having your ears smashed by bleatings similar to ose listed above. Some day I'm going to supplement my meager salary by compiling a complete Congressional Lexicon.

brook Pegler appearing in the same column is a coincidence, you are mistaken. It is in indisputable fact that some of today's most in my pants, and feeling frusare mistaken. It is in indisputable fact that some of today's most in my pants, and feeling frus-widely read columnists are under the influence of senatorial diction. trated as hell, all I can do is a vuck.

BUT LEST my vast public following think I am mocking my- powerful lot of hinting in the self, one of the few men with the ability to serve as public official and columnist simultaneously, let such thoughts cease at once. be surprised if something rather Hoosier OPA setup, got a com-Grouse is one man whom the peole can trust on the Senate floor or in the nation's press, red-blooded campaigner against all the un-city of the state within the next who was screaming about the American bureaucrats, Communists, Internationalists, Radicals, and few days on a centralized agency high cost of utility bills he had this and OPA is that they might Creekpots in the country.

Remember that when you go to the polls in 1946.

### CHARGE DESTRUCTION OF ARMY-NAVY SUPPLIES



THIS AND SIMILAR PHOTOS showing widespread destruction of Army and Navy supplies in the Pacific, brought a demand for a congressional investigation when they were exhibited to the House executive committee by Representative Henry J. Latham (R) New York, who said the photographs were taken by a Dutch civilian. Rear Adm. C. H. Cotter, Vice Chief of Material for the Navy, told the committee that there had been some "unauthorized destruction" of surplus war goods.

### THE SCRAP PILE

ful lot of news to shove love and into the future at this particular al. But The Voice did have sev- in a drawer, and three more chilto invest a nickel in this sheet.

The only trouble is that the

HINT DEPARTMENT: Don't around so much in a maze of mis- kitchen sink at his ear. information that he winds up with a Lost Weekend-without the drink, even. . . .

does, the things he has to say he would be drifting out. have a fair chance of being aired by the networks. .

HOUSING, THOUGH, is more 000 from landlords for rent over- he'd never get the point. B. L.

It would have taken a power- interesting than crystal gazing sex stuff off of Indiana front moment. Finding a place to live pages this week. At least this rag is so rough in Ft. Wayne that one couldn't find dope that sensation- family hid their youngest child eral stories cooking that would dren in a broom closet so the have made pretty interesting owner wouldn't toss them out of reading for anyone psycho enough the one room they had been able OPA area rent adjuster out in

type had to be tucked into the at this time of year might be all greetings on the romance day. A

definite breaks in every principal plaint last week from a landlord back into his niche in civilian life. ple, only to find a character seat-As it now stands, whenever an ex- ed all alone in the kitchen, strum-Friday morning he bounces faucet running hell bent in the

the owner asked for reasons why Another note for the future is at a good eighty-five miles an a setup, I wonder if the Army that a gent of big-time dimen- hour. "Durned if I know," was will still recognize the campaign sions is slated to speak at a ban- the reply. "The thing was on star for the battle of Pigalle. quet pitched by AVC and due to when I came in." Personally, I come off sometime in the early don't know when he "came in," SESSION. I see by the papers part of April. If and when he but I have a fair idea as to when that our friend Westbrook Pegler

the OPA has collected over \$50,- him to go sit on a cactus—but

charges. Some of my best friends are landlords.

THINGS AND STUFF IN GENERAL: Up around the vicinity of our South Bend chapter the Army is storing about 20,000 airplane motors. This is reported to be the largest collection of stuff like that there that can be found anywhere in the countryor the world, for that matter. As long as I'm boasting I might as well make it good. . Kansas received a homemade Putting the kid in the drawer bomb wrapped in Valentine the same alley is the news that Phil Bayt, rent attorney for the scientists have recorded an elecrate of 477,714 miles in 21/2 seconds. The connection between where a veteran can get all the to pay for a renter. He told about be conducting the experiment to information he needs in settling paying a surprise call on the peo- find out how far and how fast prices could go if the ceiling were to be lifted. . . . Of special GI sets out to get this info on ming a guitar, with the water interest to those of you who bounced around the European Theatre, Paris announced about Since he was footing the bill, three weeks ago that they were shutting down all houses of prosthe thing was streaming along titution by March 15. Under such

AND THAT WINDS UP THIS is out in Arizona. In thos sur-Incidentally, in the last year roundings, I'd sure like to tell

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### "Hang on to NSLI" gest the following changes: 1. Allow death settlement in a Ex-Khaki Clads Is Advice of Private Insurance

Keep your G. I. insurance is the advice of the private insurance underwriters.

In fact, the Chicago Association of Life Underwriters have launched an intensive campaign to persuade the veterans to do just that.

They point out that the government policy is less expensive than any available from a private comof the policy alone, whereas premiums on insurance obtained sary for most private insurance help veterans become established through regular agents must pro-policies. vide for agent's commissions, employes' salaries and cost of sup-beginning of a drive in AVC quar-

on the docket next month, the cies where most criticism from showed that 29,394 vets applied Veterans Administration will sug- the G. I. has fallen.

lump sum. Instead of monthly G. I.'s have hollered for this.

icy to an endowment plan.

4. Allow total disability bene-

administrator, has said the ad- February, 8,717 came from exministration aims at provisions soldiers, 2,560 from ex-sailors,

WOUNDED VETERANS were able to pass examinations neces-

This advice comes following the come re-employed in jobs. ters to eliminate the undesirable is continued, shows a slight When Congress takes up the qualities found in service insur- drop over the figures of January business of radical extension of ance. AVC will seek to change G. I. insurance, reported to come the payoff provisions of the pol-

# payments over long periods. The Are Major Part of 2. Let any one be named a ben-eficiary, instead of only close rel-

Of the 11,738 claims for read-3. Permit conversion of the pol- justment allowances received from job-hunting veterans in the central office of the Indiana Employment Security Division in Gen. Omar N. Bradley, veterans the first two complete weeks of "more closely matching commer- 385 from ex-Marines, and 76 from former Coast Guardsmen.

The Indiana Employment Sepany. Premiums are determined especially urged to maintain their curity Division administers the by the death rate and the value policies since they may not be readjustment allowance phase of the G.I. Bill of Rights in Indiana. in their own business or to be-

The above figure, of the ratio released in the preceding issue of The Veterans Voice, which for readjusted allowances.

Noble R. Shaw, Division director, explained that readjustment allowances for veterans and unemployment compensation for non-veterans are somewhat similar programs in that the individual claiming benefits must be able, available, and willing to

FIRST GI BRIDE TO GO OVER

FIRST GI BRIDE from the eastern U. S. to be granted a permit to accompany her husband to Germany, the former Edith Castanna of Richmond, Va., is shown with her husband, T/5 Robert Jamrose in Poston. The two will depart for Germany in April. Boston. The two will depart for Germany in April.

### Statement Of Intentions

We look forward toward becoming civilians; making a decent living, raising a family, and living in freedom from the threat of another war. But that is what most Americans wanted from the last war. They found that military victory does not automatically bring peace, jobs or freedom. To guarantee our interests, which are those of our country, we must work for what we want.

Therefore, we are associating ourselves with American men and women, regardless of race, creed, or color, who are serving with or who have been honorably discharged from our armed forces, merchant marine, or allied forces. When we are demobilized it will be up to all of us to decide what action can best further our aims.

These will include:

Adequate financial, medical, vocational and educational assistance for every veteran.

A job for every veteran, under a system of private enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture, and government work together to provide full employment and full production for the nation.

Thorough social and economic security.

Free speech, worship, assembly and ballot.

Disarmament of Germany and Japan and the elimination of the power of their militarist classes.

Active participation in the United Nations Organization to stop any threat of aggression and to promote social and economic measures which will remove the

Establishment of an international veterans council for the furtherance of world peace and justice among the peoples of all nations.

### Labor Views Are Aired In New Radio Feature

"Labor Speaks," a new program designed to show the problems faced by labor, was heard for the first time Sunday, March 3, at 12:15 p. m. over Station WIRE. Under the direction of Mr. Joseph Shepard, Labor Editor of The Indianapolis Star, the initial program featured transcribed congratulatory messages from Phil Murray and William Green, head of C. I. O. and A. F. of L., respectively. In addition, Charles Kern, State Labor Com-

its purposes." To be heard weekly at the labor in the industrial picture.

missioner, appeared and stated same time, subsequent programs in effect that "this outlet is quite of the Public Service series are necessary in order to let the peo- intended to give advice to labor ple know of labor, its aims, and organizations, answers queries, and to present the problems of

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#### SKIMMING AT A MILE A MINUTE



THIS IS ONE INSTANCE where photographic art has merged with the skill of the subject to catch the flow of graceful motion. The pretty subject is 17-year-old Nancey Stilley, who is skimming the water on skis at a mile-a-minute clip off Lakeland, Fla., where she is training for the winter regatta to be held in March.

#### EILLE FOR DICALS

By Saul Alinsky. University of Chicago Press.

fathers.

Saul Alinsky, too, is a radical, tions. writing a challenge to radicals. recognize abuses, not enough to the radicalism of a people's orstops at this p sult, the liber force in bringing professes to seek.

to those whose hearts as well as people. heads are in the social struggle. we seek to combat, and that the

militant approach of the genuine of Intentions.

Alinsky is a Chicagoan, the ex-"I have ever observed that the Areas Foundation, advisor to va. fact that we are a varied group made in his battle against rising great mass of people are always rious people's organizations, and just, both in their intentions and the moving spirit of the nowtheir objects." So, over a century famous Back of the Yards Counand a half ago, wrote Tom Paine, cil. It is the story of these Peoa pamphleteer whose writing ple's Organizations with which formed the social credo of the "Reveille for Radicals" is con- ganizations, has come into being rise in meat costs represented a American revolution and whose cerned. Because Saul Alinsky him- at a time fraught with peril, but name is today venerated as are self has been the outstanding figthose of all America's founding ure in this movement it is necessary that his reminiscences, his TOM PAINE was a radical in reports, his suggestions dominate goals and common enemies is a every sense of the word. He was the book. But what he is saying a radical, not primarily because in effect is not "Look what I've he worked for the abolition of done," but rather "Here is what a program of positive action tothe abuses of his time, not be- has to be done. Here is what we cause he spoke against a status have done so far. Go, thou, and necessity. quo which others, less inspired, do likewise." To the American accepted resignedly, but because citizen who shares with him the status result in a unique chal- 35 cents a pound, but the slight he conceived of social actions and conviction that our government institutions in their most pro- and our institutions must reflect announce that we recognize that kets the latter part of March. found and fundamental sense— the wants and wishes of our peoas expressions of the needs and ple, Alinsky offers a concrete proexperiences of common people. gram through People's Organiza-

IT IS, UNFORTUNATELY, ad-In his book, "Reveille for Radi- visable to add here that Mr. Alin- umph.—N. R. cals," he puts forward the major sky's definition of radical does not premise that it is not enough to coincide with Mr. Hearst's; that How's Business? form and articulate convictions ganization has nothing to do with about society, not enough, in Soviet Russia, with miltiant labor short, to content one's self with unions, with any of the catchy the intellectual acceptance of the categories and phrases the use of necessity for a people's commu-which the Left is as incurably nity, a people's nation and a peo- addicted as the Right. The prinple's work. The "liberal" of today ciples and program of a People's one iota the problems of personal and so- Shaw, Indiana Employment Se-

MEMBERS of A.V.C. should Implicit in every word he writes read "Reveille for Radicals." It preceding month. s-the assumption that there can is, I suppose, possible to disagree manifold extraneous considera- as practice and still retain conions of "expediency" which im- victions within the framework of that industry was absorbing ex-

it seems to me that a veterans' Slight Cost Rise As Drowns Off Ferry organization would have to go far Slight Cost Rise As to find a better description of its ideal nature and its usefulness Meat Workers Get to find a better description of its than the description of a People's Organization. As veterans, we are Substantial Boost bound together by common experience and common needs. Those needs, identical with the needs of the average, \$54.25 worth of meat. have no place in the practical, are recognized in the Statement to be \$55.05—an increase of less

YET THE MERE fact that we ecutive director of the Industrial recognize those needs, the mere zation Director Chester Bowles welded together by common intellectual convictions, is not an end, but a jumping-off place—a springboard for positive social action. A.V.C., like the People's Orreplete with opportunity. To acknowledge the dangers which lie before us, to recognize common worthy initial accomplishment. To follow through, unswervingly, in ward those goals is an imperative

> As veterans, our time and our bers of a democratic society, as go up Monday, March 11. human beings, we must accept Institute protested, and termed

Every civilian last year ate, on our fellow Americans as a whole, This year the average is expected than seven cents a month on your sirloin and lamb chop diet.

prices last week, and in return 131,000 employees of five large packing companies were granted increases of 16 cents an hour. This small leak in the price dike, but Mr. Bowles recommended the departure because of the opportunity it offered to the packinghouse

THE INCREASE represented a sizable percentage to many of the packinghouse workers because the majority of them were in the lower labor income brackets.

Present meat prices are about lenge. As members of A.V.C. we increase is expected on retail marchallenge. As Americans, as mem- Wholesale prices are expected to

that challegne, work, and tri- the increases "distinctly inadequate for many companies."



VICE ADM. T. S. WILKINSON, chief of Navy intelligence at the time of Pearl Harbor and hero of the Pacific war, was drowned when he accidentally drove his automobile off the Norfolk-Ports-mouth ferry slip. Winning three Distinguished Service Medals and the Congressional Medal of Honor during his career, Wilkinson, 58, has been one of the chief witnesses before the Pearl Harbor investigating committee. Faulty breaks caused the crash, from which the admiral's wife escaped as he pushed her from the sink-

### Statistics Show Factories Up; 46 Predicted Banner Year

Contrary to popular conception, the employment picture was actually brighter during the period from mid-December to midd as a re- Organization spring only from January than it had been the month before. This encouraging news the American Veterans Commitneffectual the nature of the people, from is substantiated by the lengthy report recently released by Noble R. tee held a meeting at the Y. M.

closer to those goals which he cial living which confront the curity director, which shows that Vast, heterogeneous, and aspiring 6,300 more workers were actually earner employment reached 363, were present. ALINSKY addresses his book throng who are the American punching time-clocks in factories 493, an increase of 1.8 per cent that 30-day period than in the cent less than a year ago. Cor-danger of inflation has passed,

> settled in this period, and also 1945. late in January which tied up groups had lower pay rolls. plants throughout the state, and which was settled approximately two weeks ago.

Another favorable note in the program. Factory employment, undoubtedly, will outstrip the 1942 advanced 14.3 per cent. peak before the end of the year.

**Good Salary Jobs** Open in VA

and professional occupation train- to mid-January. ing have been specifically requested by the Veterans Administration regional office in Indianap-

There is an immediate need for such qualified men with the salaries up to \$3,640 base pay plus overtime. High School graduates and persons having experience in supervising or conducting vocational training and employment placement of vocationally handicapped persons call or write Mr. Duke Baker, Veterans Administration, Old Trails Building, In-

throughout Hoosierdom during from mid-December, but 24.3 per continuing the OPA until the responding weekly pay rolls were it was pointed out that those AS THE STATISTICS pointed estimated to be \$16,164,762, up who profit most from OPA have be no compromise with the evils with Alinsky in theory as well out, this was undoubtedly due to 2.6 per cent from mid-December exerted little pressure to conthe fact that many strikes were but 30.4 per cent below January, tinue it, while those who stand

pede the conventional liberal can our Statement of Intentions. Yet, GIs who were coming back and turing industries was general durthat the legislation be killed. picking up tools at benches they ing the period from mid-Decem- "Scores of veterans and their had left to don service uniforms. ber to mid-January. Only two of families would be forced to move This reading was also taken short- the fifteen major groups de- if OPA did not protect them, in ly before the Labor-Steel dispute creased employment, while three this transational period, by rent

> EMPLOYMENT in the eight groups of nonmanufacturing industries studied was estimated at 170,277 wage earners, a decline of study of the Division statistics is 7.9 per cent from mid-December, that the figures indicate the last while corresponding weekly pay half of 1946 will provide numerous rolls of \$5,794,798 receded 5.0 per new jobs for turning out mate- cent during the same period. Comwas up 2.4 per cent, and pay rolls

Seasonal characteristics were government. responsible for the majority of The next meeting will be at the lay-offs in the nonmanufacturing Terre Haute Y. M. C. A. Wednesindustries. The greatest declines day, March 6, 1946, at 8 p. m. were in the general merchandis-New openings in Indiana for ing and apparel groups of retail 65 men to assist in organizing trade. General merchandising and administering the vocational alone, accounted for an estimated rehabilitation training of Veter- employment decrease of 9,400 out ans Administration in Indiana has of a total estimated loss of 15,700 just been announced. Men to as- in employment for all retail essist in agriculture, commercial tablishments from mid-December

### Terre Haute AVC **Promotes Action** On Vital Issues

The Terre Haute Chapter of C. A. on Wednesday, Feb. 27. JANUARY manufacturing wage Six members and several guests

Discussing the necessity of to gain most from inflation have Improvement in the manufac-strong lobbies at work, urging control," said Ed Helms, Chapter Chairman. Following the discussion, the chapter voted to petition Congress to extend this vital legislation.

The Housing Committee, formed in the preceding meeting and composed of Helms, Harry A. Toelle, Jr. and Bill Cox, rerials for the post-war production pared to a year ago, employment ported on the housing shortage and pointed out that this is a problem which must be met with all the resources of citizens and



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### CAPTIVE IN BATTLE OF CLIMATES



Villiam H. Woodfield, Jr., of the Shrine of North America, reaches Hiami, Fla., wearing a raincoat and carrying an umbrella to indicate his doubts of the Florida climate. But four of Miami's famed cuties were there at the plane to seize him and drag him out into the widelyadvertised bright sunshine of Florida's Biscayne Bay.

O OVER

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"We the undersigned members jobs. turn of the Marine Corps to peace- our service since V-J Day." time status. It is the only serv-

HOOSIER INVOLVED

the Pacific, said the action was mainly because General Eisentaken, not as punishment, but be- hower provided that information." cause "the individuals concerned demonstrated their unfitness to be noncommissioned officers.

Their actions, he said, violated OPA Extension Navy regulations and were carried out without the knowledge or consent of their commander.

ice in which the men have absoin points for discharge has been eight (8), an average of two points per month. The points are not were present at the rally as facts accumulating as with the Navy, and figures were discussed. John no consideration has been given H. Brunck, Labor Liaison Officer to length of service as in the

cial orders from FMF PAC, men tension. in the Marine Corps cannot meet together to protest against such action, or rather lack of action, Housing

winch is destroying their faith in their commanders and their efficiency of performance in their

"All we ask is a plan which will of the Marine Corps, protest the tell us our chances of getting out, arbitrary action of the Marine enabling us to plan our future, Corps in holding up the rapid re- and giving due consideration to

Mr. Bolte noted that at the height of recent demobilization demonstrations, representatives William A. Hamilton, Indianap. from the AVC discussed the deolis, was identified today as one mobilization problem with Generof six Marine noncommissioned al Eisenhower. Bolte stated: "We officers broken to the rank of pri. found General Eisenhower to be vate for their part in petitioning aware of the beneficial effects on President Truman against the the morale of the enlisted men slowness of Marine Corps demo. overseas of accurate information about the Army's demobilization Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, com. policy." He added: "We believe mander of fleet Marine forces in that the demonstrations died down

# Rally To Discuss

Representatives of practically every labor organization in Indianapolis met Wednesday morning, March 6, at the World War Memorial Plaza to discuss united lutely no information on the serv- action in favor of an extension ice's demobilization plan. In the of OPA price ceilings past the past four months the total drop June deadline as provided in present legislation.

Both CIO and AF d: L leaders for OPA, was one of the principal speakers, and presented more "UNDER THE PRESENT offi- information in support of the ex-

# Defeated

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alike were watching closely and many were expected to assail the would help the veteran.

AVC HAS had an active delegation in Washington fighting the Military Affairs Committee last ceedings. When the bill moves over to the Senate it is known that the VFW is marshalling its forces for an all out battle, and men. the American Legion is also expected to take similar measures, these two suggestions: In short, concerned and cooperative action between all veteran's ings on all present housing in or- tively support the program in a

expected at the outset. As a mat- homes could be built in two years. qualified endorsement.

throughout the country appeared within the range of the veteran. on the scene along with a lot of

mentum and became an over- tective measures for the veteran. and the FEPC, to emphasize that of military justice apart from the whelming roar when joined by the cries that "private industry could do the job better if restric- write or wire his senator in sup- of the day. tions were lifted."

brigadier-general, has his way Senate with numerous commit-radical changes are in store for simply as "soldiers" with titles tees and telegrams in an attempt the U.S. Army. Lashing out at to regain the proposals which what he termed "the medieval caste system," the man who had served twenty-seven years in the

If H. C. Holdgridge, retired

Halleluphia!

week and gave his ideas as to how to close the social gap existing between officers and enlisted

High on his ten-point list were

common der to give the veteran a chance similar manner as soon as they goal of HOUSING FOR THE to buy at comparatively even convene. odds. In addition, through a sys-More definite action had not tem of controls and channeling of been taken by the groups before supplies, Mr. Wyatt, housing exbecause little opposition had been peditier, promised that 2,700,000

ter of fact, press releases of Feb- It was to be "something akin to ruary 9 when the plan was an- wartime measures," and the vetnounced indicated that both par- eran was assured a chance to buy ties would give the plan their un- these homes because the \$600,-000,000 subsidy provided by the But powerful lobby groups government would make a price from realty organizations ceiling of \$6,000 possible-and

The only answer given by the back yard political shennanigans. opposition has been to ask that The cry of "government con- the project be turned over to pritrol" and "red tape" gathered mo- vate industry-minus these pro- ray bill, the National health bill

form the bill provided price ceil- make definite resolutions to ac- chapters in their activities.

1. Class all military personnel retained "for purposes of identi- based "on position of responsibilfication" only.

Ex-General Presents Plan To Congress

Placing GIs, Officers On Equal Basis

2. Put officers and men in identical uniforms, leaving insignia of tions between officers and er rank as the sole means of telling ed men through revision.

IN HIS STATEMENT to the committee, Mr. Holdridge, a Washingtonian, said existing distinctions between officers and men in the same quarters. result in two classes in the Army -"a superior and an inferior."

### Member Speaks Before Union

Indianapolis 1, addressed the course of training for varying levmembers of the Veterans Section els of responsibility. West Point of Local 224, UAW-CIO, on Feb. would be reconstituted as a grad-21, '46. Sgt. Katz explained the uate school. principles of the AVC and urged

Planning Committee of the housing bill, the Wagner-Dingell-Mur-

Other points in his program: Command and authority to be

ity and not merely on rank." Elimination of economic distinct pay so edules and equaliza

allowances. A requirement that all person nel not residing in private home. live in the same barracks and eat

Abandonment of "all segregation between officers and enlisted men in places of amusement and

Provision for "a clear channel of promotion from bottom to top. so any man entering as a recruit might achieve top rank . . . according to his abilities."

Revision of the Army sel ool M/Sgt. Irwin Katz, member of system by providing a progressive

all World War II veterans to join. struction in democracy within the Establishment of courses "of in-The speaker pointed to the ac-tive support of the National encouraged to present views on

CREATION OF "a new system AVC was determined to make its hierarchy of command to elimi-EACH VETERAN is urged to voice heard on the leading issues nate open and covert pressures, with experienced, permanent port of the original measure. It The chairman of the group judges, with qualified counsel for is expected that each AVC chap- urged all members to join the the accused, and with juries EXPRESSLY, in its original ter throughout the state will AVC and to aid the Indianapolis drawn from all levels of military personnel."



### No Pull Needed



DENTIST'S NURSE in Beverly Hills, Cal., Yvonne Rob won a seven-year film contract when Talent Scout Ivan Kahn went to the dentist and then later recommended her for a screen test. Miss Rob is 5'7" tall and weighs 115 pounds. She is a native Cal-

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FLASH!

### VETS HAVE CHANCE AT HOMES AS SENATE COMMITTEE ACTS

stored the two vital measures of the Patman Bill which held in the Lincoln Hotel Thursday, April 11 at 7:15 p. m. President Truman has called "the very heart of the bill. The Indiana congressman, who is a candidate for noming Those two measures are a \$400,000,000 subsidy to make a \$6,000 home possible for veterans, and price ceilings on all dwellings now standing.

THESE TWO provisions had Executive Council been knocked out by a House vote two weeks ago when Northern To Meet April 7 in crats lined up solidly to defeat the measure.

Wilson Wyatt, national housing expediter, had promised thatwith these two measures—he to live and 2,700,000 homes in April 7. two years.

However, it was known that realty groups had some of the most powerful lobbies in Washington at that time, and exerted some of the most terrific pressure in the history of the nation's capitol. As a result the measure went down to defeat in the House and passed to the Senate.

WITH TUESDAY'S action by dreams are not expected to solve tion presently before Congress. the issue. The bill now goes before the Banking Committee for its final approval before going

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Michigan City

could promise the veteran a place held in Michigan City Sunday, curb the rising tide of inflation.

This is expected to be the larg-necessity by authorities who resince chapters in LaPorte, Hammond, and East Chicago have held in Bloomington five weeks ago, and it is expected that every chapter in Indiana will send delegates to the meeting.

A DEFINITE agenda has not 1929. been announced as yet by Mr. Martin Larner, State Chairman, the sub-committee, the veteran but it is expected that additional can once again begin to dream action will be taken in support

> In addition, definite plans will probably be formulated in suppresent June deadline.

## CONGRESSMAN PROMISES "BOTH BARRELS" IN SPEECH AT BANQUET

As the ticket campaign for the American Veterans Committee banquet on April 11 reared into its final week, Rep. Charles Lafollette, principal speaker told a VET Veterans can now grab and hold on for dear life. The VOICE reporter that he intended to give the veteran "the truth from both barrels" Senate Banking sub-committee on Tuesday, April 2, re- in speaking on the subject "After All the Veteran Is a Citizen." The banquet will be

The Indiana congressman, who is a candidate for nomination for Senator from

**Bucking For Depression** 

### **OPA** to Face Fight to Exist Soon As Minority Groups Press for Ouster

The national Administration served notice last week that action was wanted on the continuance of OPA by pected to be of unusual interest Third meeting of the Executive April 30. Congress was asked to continue the OPA for Council of Indiana AVC will be at least another year past the present deadline in order to

THIS favorable action is considered to be an absolute

est meeting to be held to date member the situation following in this, it is expected that they been formed since the last meeting individual. Many economists also law highly ineffective. believe that the uncontrolled situation immediately following the Banking Committee, the Associalast war resulted in the devastating depression which occurred in

In addition, Gallup poll figures show that a vast majority of the people of the nation-those who of a shingle above his head. But of the Patman housing legisla- asking for a continuance of price would actually feel it most—are control until conditions become more normal.

port of OPA continuance past the sociation of Manufacturers came wives throughout the nation, said, ment by AVC. His remarks are OPA. If they are not successful tion from economic disaster."

the last war when prices soared may be able to bring about com- of atomic control on a world-wide clear out of sight for the average promises which would make the scale, is considered to be the

> TESTIFYING before the House tion's prseident, Robert R. Wason, said, "Only free competition can bring the kind of price control that compels producers to give the American housewife what she wants at a price she thinks is fair."

THE HOUSEWIVES had something to say in rebuttal. Groups, ance at the AVC dinner to lobby and pressure against essary if we are to save the na- convention at Gary

Indiana on the Republican ticket promised, "I'm not going to pull any punches. I intend to speak straight from the shoulder about hte future of the veteran and the fundamental issues with which he must be concerned to assure future peace of the country."

A TALK of this nature is exsince Mr. Lafollette is classed as "radical" Republican for the liberal stand he has consistently taken in Congress.

Mr. Lafollette, who just returned from Florida where he represented Congress in the question champion of labor in his district of Evansville.

MR. LAFOLLETTE is engaged in a three-way fight with Senator Will and William Jenner for the Senatorial nomination. Political observers liken his position with that of Wendell Willkie in that he is a member of the Republican party but does not have the backing of the political machine.

MR. LAFOLLETTE'S appear-Nevertheless, the National As- representing 10,000,000 house- necessarily constitute an endorseout last week advocating that all in Washington before Congress considered to be of definite inprice control be dropped. It has that "the congress must act terest to all AVC members since been reported that they, in con- promptly to continue OPA for he has openly endorsed many of nection with other interests, are another year, and rent control the "Statement of Intentions" adspending \$20,000,000 in an effort for two more years. This is nec-vocated in the recent AVC state

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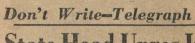
#### Free Want Ads For Vets

Here's a new service of the "Veteran's Voice." If you are a veteran seeking employment you may place a classified ad in this publication without cost.

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State Head Urges Immediate Action on Housing

MARTIN LARNER, State Chairman of the American Veterans Committee, acted promptly upon receipt of the news that the Senate Banking sub-committee had reinstated the two vital provisions in the Patman Housing

The provisions called for price ceilings on existing dwellings and a \$600,000,000 subsidy for future units.

IN A STATEMENT to state papers Mr. Larner said, "We applaud the action of the

sub-committee. This action, which is in direct opposition to the House action, is what is needed to provide homes for veterans.

The Patman Bill in its original form must be over the heads of special interest groups and lobbyists who would sabotage the measure that would give the veteran a home.

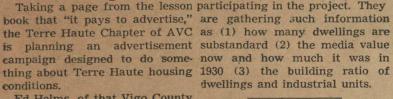
Now is the time for all veterans, whether they are AVC members or nct, to wire Senafors Capehart and Willis and to the Senate Banking Committee in support of the measure. The veteran must be heard on this issue."

### AVC ACTIVE IN STATEAND NATION ON HOUSING, OTHER ISSUES

### **Terre Haute AVC to Print Results** Of Housing Survey Conducted There

Taking a page from the lesson participating in the project. They

Ed Helms, of that Vigo County chapter, has announced that a complete investigation of Terre LaPorte Chapter Haute dwelling units is under way and that when all data has Begins Activities been compiled it will be released Tackling Housing ment appearing in papers in that



Wasting little time in getting under way, the week-old Laporte ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS are chapter of AVC began immediately to do something about housing in that community. Chairman William Gillick appointed Harold Barnhart as housing chairman, and Mr. Barnhart has contacted pre-fabricting concerns in southern Indiana and Texas. Mr. Barnhart reports that nothing definite has been evolved as yet, but was hopeful that something quite favorable in this connection might develop very soon.

### Natl. AVC Chief Recognizes Legion On Similar Action

Charles G. Bolte, national chairman of American Veterans Committee, last week sent a telegram to John Stelle, national commander of the American Legion, congratulating him on the Legion support of the original Patman Bill. Citing rallies held by. AVC throughout the nation in support of the subsidy provision and price ceiling measures which had been knocked out in House action, Mr. Bolte addressed the following telegram:

Mr. John Stelle. National Commander, American Legion Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana

Think it splendid that you have thrown your weight behind the veterans' housing program. The American Veterans Committee feels that your support will be helpful in achieving successful passage of the bill. I hope that we can have the closest association in this fight for decent veterans' housing .

### **Laporte Chapter** Is Formed And **Officers Elected**

Laporte is the latest to join the ranks of AVC in Indiana. This move was taken Thursday, March 21, when veterans of that city met and officially applied for a charter. William Gillick, Jr., became chairman; Dale L. Kinsey, vice-chairman; Harry J. Gross,

#### Pins Stuck-Up

The steady rise in prices throughout the nation hit directly at the lapels of AVC members this week when it was announced that a boosted price was necessary on AVC lapel emblems. Formerly selling for one dollar, the attractive blue and gold insignia must now sell for \$1.25.

According to national headquarters, this 25 per cent increase became necessary when a request for exemption from the Retail Excise Tax was de-

#### AVC LEADS WAY

Drew Pearson, conductor of the nationally syndicated column, "Washington Merry-Go-Round" this week gave the American Veterans Committee unqualified credit for going to bat for the veteran on the Patman Housing Bill presently before Congress.

He said, "Best veterans job of 'telling' Congress on housing was done by the American Veterans Committee with the Amvets also active. Congratulations too, to John Stelle, national commander of the Legion for finally going to bat for the housing program. The Veterans of Foreign Wars were also on record favoring the bill, but weren't so active."

This marks the second nationally known columnist in less than two weeks to accord AVC recognition for its realistic fight for the Patman Bill.

Tom Stokes recently gave similar mention in his columns.

secretary; Robert B. Gilreath, treasurer. All members were elected by acclamation at the meeting which was held in the local "Y". In addition, Mr. Kinsey was selected as delegate to the Executive Council meeting April 7, in Michigan City.

Gathering Laporte into the fold securely cements the position of AVC in the northwestern part of the state. It marks the hird chapter of form there in cago. These are in addition to the "old-timers", Gary, South Bend, and Michigan City.

### **AVC Housing Rallies Nation-wide Add** Heat to Senate for Correct Action

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Chairman of Housing for the American Veterans Committee, this week announced that housing rallies in support of Wilson Wyatt's program for 2,700,000 homes were held by AVC chapters in more than a dozen states by April 1.

This action, in addition to action by other veterans groups, is considered to have been an important factor in the recent stand of

the Senate Banking sub-committee, which went on record recommending passage of the Patman Bill in its original form.

THE VETERANS intend to make themselves heard on the housing issue," said Roosevelt, "and we hope that our voices will be louder than the Real Estate

If the Senators who will soon Education Committee formed re- vote on Representative Patman's cently and headed by Eugene bill, which embodies Mr. Wyatt's Fields, with Charles Fogelberg program, don't listen to the veterans from coast to coast, they may find that we're not inarticulate at the polls next November." Roosevelt cited cities in which

AVC Housing Rallies are scheduled in the next fortnight: Dallas, Tex.; Spokane, Wash.; Louisville, THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL Ky.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Omaha, also consider the composition of Neb.; Washington, D.C.; Baltithe State department, functions more, Md.; Rochester, N. Y.; Ausexpressions of foreign policy as Cal.; Chicago, Ill., and Bridgethey may be voiced by the State port, Conn. Other cities where Department from time to time. AVC's 250 chapters are located They will extend over a period of will hold meetings and conduct 'write your Senator" campaigns.

March 20, 1946, with the question organization of panels, confer-"Should the control of Atomic ences, lectures and similar activ-Energy be vested by the UNO?" ities, a program could be promembers of the affirmative side; fully cognizant of its coals as Meyer Brown and Irv Katz.

### New Committee in Indp'ls No. 1 Gives **Members Lectures**

Something new has been added at Indianapolis AVC Chapter No. and Builders lobby. 1 meetings. The new twist is the also on the Committee.

The idea of the committee is to arrange for discussion topics for each meeting, as well as speakers, and information designed to provide material on important national questions.

of the Senate Foreign Affairs tin, Tex.; San Francisco, committee, the UNO and specific Hanover, N. H.; Los Angele approximately six months.

A panel discussion was held less than a month, the other two held with Mrs. Ruth Mary Ivens vided which should tend to weld being Hammond and East Chi- and Garry Ruben opposing the Chapter One into a unit more

The committee decided that by tions.

### AVC Member on "Speak Up Indiana"



HOUSING WAS THE SUBJECT when Jim Carey, (third from left) AVC member, appeared on Radio Station WIBC in Indianapolis recently. Also representing veterans was Will Evans, (seated, right) State Adjutant for The Veterans of Foreign Wars. Others on the program were (standing, left) Charles Jacoby, city engineer, and William C. Evans, head of the Indianapolis housing committee. The men presented their views on the Indianapolis housing situation in which it was pointed out that not a single dwelling unit had been constructed in Indianapolis by the city for the veterans as of April 1.



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## Record Number Unemployed Vets Shown In Indiana Jobless Pay

## Report Shows 1,600,000 Vets Logansport Unemployed Through U.S.

The rapid rise of unemployed veterans continued Jobs From USES throughout the country last week with a total of 1,600,000 former servicemen estimated to be without work. This figure has been released by "Veteran's Report and shows that as an absolute minimum of one out of every five men States employment service here URES they gave out with the vivid picture as to the hell-bent returning from the battlefronts of the world are now without jobs.

SO FAR, 8,000,000 have been There have also been cases indischarged and the situation is volving the unweildy selective expected to be ever more compliservice provision of "sup-seniorcated by the return of 2,500,000 ity" to veterans. more by summer.

#### Forward March-Back

employed list ranges from twelfth and employment. to fourteenth. This fact has

The report blamed the strike long overdue. situation, row over price controls, of Representatives as the con- six months. tributing factors to this snafued condition.

thousands of discharged service. not responded readily to their inmen is adding to the condition. quiries regarding job openings.



All of this has resulted in the general confusion brought about mainly when Japan faded quickly Although Indiana is twentieth after V-E Day. As a result, the among the states in population, hysteria and confusion reflected

Typical of the state of affairs been shown in the figures just according to the publication, is released by the state employment the nation-wide campaign only resecurity division. The report cently started by the United shows that about 45,000 dis-States Employment Service. charged Indiana veterans are now While this is considered an exceldrawing unemployment benefits. lent move, it is shown to be

THE CAMPAIGN began only shortage of industrial materials, three weeks ago while the war and negative action by the House with Japan has been over for

However, the fault has not been one of government agencies alone In ADDITION the weights of said the report. Employers have

The report did strike a favorable chord when they predicted that the condition should improve 'sometime late in the spring."

It listed several contributing factors for favorable development, a few of which follow:

1. The all-out program of USES designed to find job openings for

## 1,290 Veterans In Cass County Wait

Approximately 1,290 applications are on file with the United said this week.

"There is a widening gap be-

### Year's USES Adjustment Pay Totals Show Rapid Rise In Vet Unemployment

tistical machine at the Indiana was the figure. Headquarters of United States These important and significant

from returning war veterans blunt truth that the total of un-speed with which veterans have who have not found jobs yet, employed Indiana veterans is gone back to the labor market-Louis F. Dolnics, USES manager, mounting daily in king-sized but not to work. jumps.

For instance, during the first tween the number of returning five weeks of 1946 a total of of the figures shows that in Janveterans and the jobs listed in \$2,296,150 was received by vets uary, 1945, when the U.S. was public employment offices that in the form of Readjustment Al. still very much engaged in a two-veterans can accept." Mr. Dolnics lowances. This is almost as much front war, 2,310 claims were filed as was received during the entire

The intricate, complicated sta- 52 weeks of 1945 when \$2,861,048

Employment Service clicked over- facts and figures were gleaned time last month. But they didn't from the annual totals just compiled by USES state headquarters DEALING STRICTLY IN FIG. in Indianapolis. They form a

> FURTHER INVESTIGATION still very much engaged in a twofor \$45,532.00. Less than twelve months later, in December, 1945, 56,095 claims were made for a total of \$1,116,726.

> These figures continued to mount steadily, making possible the unprecedented and almost precipitous rise to the present figures which are doing business in the stratosphere.

A breakdown on the 1945 totals in some of the counties follows: Marion 15,296 303,219 6,957 137,580 Vigo \_\_\_ 5,452 108,110 12,033 238,340 LaPorte \_\_ 1,154 22,834

In an effort to halt the steady rise in veteran unemployment, Mr. John K. Jennings, state director of USES has asked that employers cooperate. "In order to make our work more effective," he said in speaking to employers, "please make known to us every available job you have."

ALONG THE SAME LINE, but from the opposite end of the ladder, Vet Voice is opening its columns free to veterans to advertise for jobs. This coalition of effort is one way to carve some kind of nick out of the serious job bottleneck.

### its position on the veterans unitself in every channel of industry Job So Nice to Come Home to



four years in the Pacific, is shown on his new job as street sweeper for New York City's department of sanitation. The war hero, who married following his discharge, found, that although he had a degree in mechanical engineering, he could not obtain steady employment. Cholewinski, wounded in the same blast of enemy fire that killed Gen. Simon B. Buckner on Okinawa, comments, "I had been on the civil service list before I went into the Army, and I knew that was permanent, at least. So here I am."

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gress of 3,750,000 loan to Britain. American goods.

mission making 1,250,000 govern- mum wage proviso to 55 cents.

A key to the unemployment Motors and General Electric and strike picture is seen in pending Congressional action on 3. Indicated approval by Con- the minimum wage bill. Because an "acute emergency." He asked of the familiar coalition of Northlead to expanded markets for ern Republicans and Southern postpone return of the U. S. em-Democrats a compromise is ex-4. Action by Civil Service Com- pected which will lower the mini- "throw the whole system into con-

### "Keep USES Federal" Says Bradley As Job Aid

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, veterans administrator, said this week that one out of every five discharged the 6,000,000 unemployed persons ment jobs available to returned servicemen quit his peace time job after a few weeks of employ-

> GEN. BRADLEY said the reemployment of these veterans is a senate labor subcommittee to Such action, he said, might

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#### South Bend

### Job Rights Fight at Bendix Corp. **Ends in Victory for Ex-servicemen**

One of the first important cases of re-employment of veterans in Indiana under selective service rights came to an end in South

THE CHANGES in the senior-

Bend last week with what appeared to be a victory for ex-GIs. A majority of veterans were enabled to regain their old jobs at the Bendix corporation there through bationary requirement for seniorchanges in seniority rules. They ity in job switches among departhave already been re-employed, ments. Also the 90-day waiting according to Millard E. Stone, di- period upon refusal or a job in visional director of industrial re- a plant wide "jump" was eliminated. MR. STONE added that the rest

ity rules followed several weeks of the ex-servicemen eligible for of discussion in a three-way dis- reemployment apparently had not pute involving company officials, returned to work either because the unions, and the ex-servicemen they had taken other jobs or notices had not yet reached them. THE CHANGES enabling the Definite figures as to the total vets to go back to work were ap-eligible or the number already proved by the United Auto Work- reemployed are not yet available. ers Union and include a 90 pro- according to Mr. Stone.

### We Need Price Control

For as long as the United States has existed, one of its most persistent problems has been to achieve and maintain domestic tranquillity. Each generation has had its own particular disrupting factor. Ours is no exception.

The economic phenomenon of our wartime production was that for the first time in this century everyone who could work was employed at adequate wages. Capitalism was working as its exponents had always insisted it could.

The social phenomenon of our wartime era was that the American people exhibited a high degree of self discipline in voluntarily holding prices down in spite of in-

Then came the Victory for which we had all worked, fought, and sacrificed. With our minds full of the glorious pictures of the post-war world painted by the advertisers, we showed an understandable eagerness to be done with uniforms, long hours, and restrictions of any kind. We wanted to reap the rich rewards of a full peacetime production.

Industry, benefited by tax legislation and billions of dollars in reserve, staged a new kind of strike, too . . . a strike against Unionism as such . . . against any interference with their own conception of "free enterprise," which included the right to charge as much for their product as the market would bear. These strikes resulted in billions of dollars lost in production. But that's not what bothered us so much as did the lost time in getting the good things of life we wanted so badly.

We have now emerged from the recent holocaust of disastrous strikes and there may be a tendency to breathe a sigh of relief. But the danger is not yet over. In order to maintain domestic tranquillity . . . as the Constitution instructs . . . we must see to it that the buying power of

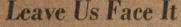
a dollar stays constant until the sharp edge has been taken off the greatest national hunger for goods the country has ever known.

THINK ILL DO BETTER WITH THE NEXT TRY THAN MY OLD MAN DID AFTER THE LAST WARI To prevent further strikes, PRICE CON-

TROL MUST BE MAINTAINED and strengthened so that the recent wage increases in industry are not dissipated by rising prices . . . thus laying the foundation for a new wave of strikes.

If you want a new car, some new clothes, and a thick, juicy steak you must make it possible for the next guy to enjoy the same. Only strict control over prices can assure that.

Get behind your Representative, your Senator . . . and PUSH.



About half the chapters in Indiana are slowly emerging from their first frenzied rush of activity as new organizations.

There is a startling similarity in the way this development has affected most of them. To some it may give cause for discouragement because it appears that the boys are not as steamed up as they were.

Broadly speaking there are two kinds of men needed to make an organization tick. At the outset you need men who get a bang out of starting things. Whose greatest thrill is nursing a new idea to life and breathing air into its lungs. Lets call these men the Activators.

They are the ones who naturally rise to early leadership because of the time and energy they have devoted to the outfit.

Unfortunately, some men of this type have no patience with routine and unexciting committee work, with the sometimes embarrassing task of money raising, with the heart-breaking job of lighting fires under other members who are inclined to

When the chapter reaches the state of development where a crisis is not occuring every five minutes you can expect the Activators to slide from view with a regretful sigh that things aren't as much fun as they used to be.

When this happens it is time for each chapter to indulge in thorough self-searching for a new type. For lack of a better word, let's call them the Long Range boys . . . the men of stability and vision who are committed by conviction and long experience to the progressive cause. These men are cautious without being obstructionist, they are realistic without being cynical. they are wise without being pedantic,

### **Army Must Let Men Gripe**

In the last issue these pages carried comment on the Army's restrictive policy in Tokyo of not allowing editors of that edition of Stars and stripes to sound off in criticism of their superiors. They were to have no voice in their own Army.

Last week the same reactionary, antiquated thinking of Army brass traveled halfway around the world. The more miles it traveled, the more restrictions, threats, and club wielding it took on. It landed full force in Europe.

Lt. General John C. H. Lee, who probably got more cussing from GIs out of ear range than any other top side big-wig for his c---- s---, was his usual self.

had tried and failed to get Bill Mauldin's Willie and Joe" snuffed out, he demanded that all squawks sent into "Mail Call," the gripe column, be screened for printing.

In Berlin, commanders took a similar DAYS' COSS. step. They would allow the letters to be the individual must be printed as well.

We must not allow our Army to slip back into the laziness and indolence that was fostered before the war. Whether it was deserved or not, the popular synonyms for "soldier" then was "bum."

One of the most vital ways to avert that is to have an alert, aggressive, free-thinking military composed of men who can have their gripes aired publicly. THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM SUCH A SYSTEM. Abraham Lincoln saw the issue clearly when he said, "GIVE THE PEOPLE THE FACTS AND THE COUNTRY WILL BE SAVED." The same set of ideals applies to our Army.



### The Solution to Vet Housing By FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, Jr.

Chairman of Housing, American Veterans Committee

All over America there is a desperate hunt by returned veterans for the most basic security of life—a home. In wiping out the Patman Housing Bill price control and premium payments to stimulate building materials production, the House of Representatives has passed a measure which will supply housing to the nation—but it is housing that veterans will be unable to rent or purchase.

In stabbing at the heart of the Veterans Emergency Housing Program, initiated by National Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt and incorporated in the Patman Bill, the House of Representatives has YIELDED TO THE BIGGEST SPE-CIAL-INTERESTS LOBBY SEEN IN WASHINGTON FOR TWENTY YEARS. The voices and very real needs of the men who gave up their homes to fight for this country have been ignored.

By the end of 1946 there will be well over three million families searching in vain for homes of their own. IF THE PRESENT RATE OF HOME BUILDING CONTINUES FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS, THERE WILL THEN BE EIGHT MILLION FAMILIES HOMELESS. These are appalling figures.

It is a matter of record that in six weeks a city for 75,000 persons was built and opened for people at work on the atomic bomb in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Many of the veterans who have built bridges, laid airstrips, and erected buildings, and know how fast buildings can be put up are asking, "If we could do it in war, why can't it be done for us now? This is an emergency, too."

The Wyatt Housing Plan to build 2,700,000 homes in two years will not take housing out of the hands of private enterprise. On the contrary, it calls for private industry, not government, to produce the greatest number of new homes this country has ever seen-detent homes within the range of prices veterans can afford. We of the American Veterans Committee are supporting that program.

It is the only immediate way to solve a scandalous housing shortage. The program has received the endorsement of the President, the veterans, the National Home Builders of America, AS WELL AS THE BUILDING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.

To achieve a goal of 2,700,000 decent homes for our-vet erans by the end of 1947, the Wyatt Veterans Emergency Housing Program is dependent upon two factors, both of which were incorporated in the Patman Bill, and both of which were stricken out of the Bill by the House of Representatives. Those factors are:

FIRST, PRICE CONTROLS: Price controls on existing housing must be maintained to prevent any further rises in the sale price of homes. Once a house is sold, the selling price would become the ceiling price for the duration of the emergency. Such a restriction would prevent speculators from buying up homes and selling them at a profit to the desperate veterans who are looking for places to live,

SECONDLY, PREMIUM PAYMENTS: This vital provision of the Wyatt program, which the House voted out of the Patman Bill, is a method of stimulating production of scarce building materials by subsidy payments, at the same Acting in the same manner in which he time preventing higher costs which would otherwise be passed on to the veteran or any purchaser of a home. This premium payments, or subsidy plan, would cost only \$600 MILLION - ONLY ABOUT ONE-FIFTH OF ONE PER-CENT OF THE COST OF THE WAR, OR ABOUT TWO

The present housing crisis is not something which has printed, but the name, address and unit of developed overnight. It has been building up for the last fifteen years Now the price of homes is already too high. It is the estimate of the National Housing Authority that 84 percent of the veterans can not afford to pay rent of more than \$50 a month, or to buy a home for more than \$6,000.

We, of the American Veterans Committee, are working to insure passage in the Senate of the Wyatt provisions in the Patman Housing Bill. Conogress has been hearing only one side of the story—that of the special-interests lobbyists.

Now is the time for the UNHOUSED VETERANS OF THIS WAR, and the public, to tell their Senators the other side, and to support the Wyatt-plan-the greatest attempt thus far to solve the housing problem.

I urge you to send a postcard, letter or telegram to your Senators immediately. If the Congress is to be responsive to the desires and needs of the people, it is up to the people to tell Congress what they think and what they want.

# Guest Voice:

Mr. John Henry Zuver, Sr., Editor of The Mirror in South Bend, Indiana, Speaks Out With a Lot of Plain Talk on

Ed. Note: Mr. Zuver, in addition to being editor of his paper, also is its publisher. He is a familiar figure in northern Indiana newspaper circles where his own particular hell-raisin', wide-open style of writing has made fire-eaters by choice of every one of his readers.)

"AMERICANISM! I'm biting off a mouthful that takes-and can stand-a powerful lot of chewin'. Americanism, broadly speaking, is pretty much everything and anything. Americanism is based on

freedom guarded by law.

In America every man is a fraction of a king. That every man is a king wasn't original with Huey Long; he mimicked an exaggeration. "We the people," not the states, nor any fraction of the people, ordained and established the constitution of the United States. That makes us all sovereigns, all, not any one. People is a collection of

Americanism ,then, is what the people think, want, and order done; the majority of the peopleand there are no legitimate strings on their thoughts or wants. However, they must proceed to execution according to certain prescribed forms-which the people have themselves adopted. That is what we

Americanism is government by law; laws enacted by the people's representatives. I said, "representatives," not chosen "dictators." Generally our representatives apply for the job on some sort of platform expressing what they will do if they are

That is representative democracy; wherefore we have a democratic republic; republic in form, democratic at base. Everything proceeds from below up.

THERE WERE republics before our. Rome had one, but it was at first oligarchic, then aristocratic, rather than democratic at base; the kind Alexander Hamilton wanted us to have.

First the royalty, later the patricians, made the

nominations from among themselves, and the people took their choice. Hamilton would have founded the American Republic on the Almighty Dollarlimited it to tax-payers.

We have a considerable element here in America who continue to agree with Hamilton. Somebody sometime dubbed them the "economic royalty,"for of marrying them off to the Roman concept.

VERY WELL, it is good Americanism to let them think, even preach that way, so long as they don't try to put it over by anarchistic or illegitimate means. By the same token their opponents are just as American in the opposition—particularly since they are holding onto the American way, as is.

Tradition! It has a certain relationship to Americanism but is only a phase of it. The non-conformist, too, can be a perfectly good American so long as he non-conforms decently. We have overthrown many a tradition here in America. Slavery was once traditionally proper. We went to war to overthrow that one. We have also abandoned the tradition that Washington couldn't tell a lie.

Religion! We have an American religion; it is the religion of freedom. Back there in 1789, when "We, the people" were ordaining and establishing our constitution, a score of sects put in their claim that they should be our national church. It looked as though religious rancor was going to prevent the "more perfect union."

THEREFORE, they threw all of them out of the window, abolished religious tests, and in our bill of rights, declared that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of a religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"-always construed to mean, as long as it doesn't interfere with other men's rights, or run counter to the worshipper's own civic duties.

Therefore, the American religion embraces all churches, all faiths, and at the same time leaves them all to themselves. You can be atheist or orthodox, or whatever lies between, and still worship at the American shrine. That is Americanism. It is just as American to doubt as it is to devotee.

But capitalism! Ah there is the big Americanism that we hear most about these days. Scared at its own shadow, capitalism is going to have itself established as the sole and exclusive American way, yes, not only of life, but of death, and if not; well, it talks sometimes as though it were going to revolt.

We hear a lot about subversive influences; Congress has a committee working on them, as though capitalism were something to be constitutionally guarded-though today it is defying our free economy with its own kind of strikes.

TRUE, THE CONSTITUTION recognizes the right of private property, exempts it from public use save by due process of law, and guards it from search and seizure without warrant. Too, about 80 per cent of our statutes have to do with property rights, and property subjugations, but capitalism isn't sovereign even over that. We began pecking away at "free private enterprise" for abusing its freedom to the disadvantage of the commonweal long before the New Deal entered into the fray.

How about the Sherman Anti-Trust Law ,Interstate Commerce Commission, and so on.

Americanism! It is quite Mother Hubbard; covers everything, touches nothing-or in reverse, Miss Negligee, that touches everything and covers noth-

American freedom, which is Americanism at its best, and worst, approaches just that. We are inherently liberal. "The greatest good for the greatest number" is Americanism nearest to its full.

EACH OF US surrenders to our fellows that portion of our individualism that is necessary to enable us to dance the psalms of life without stepping on each other's toes. That is civilization; being civil to one another. And it is the basic philosophy of Americanism.

### **About Washington**

Through the eyes of . . . . Senator Waldorf Grouse

ast rriday the Senate-pulled something that must have made the builders of our Constitution waitz sadly in their graves. What I refer to is the 43-31 vote which attached a farm parity rider to the bill designed to raise the national minimum wage from 40c per hour to 65c.

When they brought the news of this vote to me down at McGovern's Pool Emporium, I was chagrined. Had I known the vote fair to the Veteran, OPA and was coming that day, I'd at least have made the vote 43-32.

THE INCREASE in farm parity would add approximately ,000,000,000 to the annual food bill for consumers, an increase about 15%. This move is obviously in direct opposition to the administration's price policy.

Only one half hour before my colleagues voted for the amendment, the President sent a message saying that he would veto the minimum wage bill if the parity amendment were attached to is. All of us knew that the President favored the minimum wage increase.

Back in 1787 when our Constitution was drawn up, Ben Franklin, James Madison and the rest of them knew there would be differences of opinion between executive and legislature, and made provision for settlement of those differences.

They decided that the President should have the right to veto action taken by Congress, but that the President's veto could be overridden by a two-thirds vote in both houses of Congress. This provision stands unamended today.

IN THAT provision there was obviously no intention of defying both the President AND the majority of Congressmen. It was just one of many checks and balances set up among the various branches

By their vote last Friday, 43 Senators defied the intent, if not est, and continue to want decent only. the letter, of our Constitution. They saw the probability of passage men in our Congress. of a bill which they opposed, and used the tried and true method of attaching an obviously impossible "rider" to the bill as a means of killing the bill even if the majority favored the original, un mention your paper and your or- sure groups and hedging all

than a filibuster. Their purpose and accomplishment were the ing the attack against those re- are working for the same wages same, namely to somehow circumvent the process of a constitu- sponsible for killing the housing they received before the war, and can stand these price raises. tional majority rule. This "rider" method is neither as spectacular measure. Therefore, I am en-living costs are up forty percent. nor as obvious as the filibuster, and it is therefore more insidious, closing a dollar and ask that You fellows coming back to While we are on the subject, let me say a word about the you place me on your mailing the labor markets are in most ganized a House Wives League

minimum wage. The present minimum of 40c per hour means list. that individuals working 40 hours per week all year can make as little as 832 per year. The 65c per hour minimum would insure at least \$1,352 per year.

The new minimum wage would affect several millions of people who are now working for a wage which, all people who have studied the matter agree, is inadequate to keep body and soul logether. Limiting the minimum wage to 55c per hour would bring yearly income of \$1,104, still a totally inadequate wage.

WHETHER or not you are in favor of raising the minimum wage, the parity anesdment was just as sensible as amending legislation for veterans housing to pelude removal of price ceilings on

(Ed.'s note: Senator Capehart of Indiana vas one of those who voted for the parity amendment. Senator Willis-vote was apparently not recorded, but he is known to favor the loss minimum of 55 cents on wages.)

### Letters to The Editor

#### WE CARRY THE TORCH

Dear Editor:

Do not confine your publication to veterans only. Give us all alike. a break. I am a Republican, but I am out to get every Republican and Democrat in Congress and the Senate who has been unprice control.

I say I am a Republican. I mean I was. Yes, it's the Northern Republicans and Southern Dear Editor: Democrats who killed the Veterans housing bill. They are trying to kill OPA and price control and give us a 10 cent dollar.

Gentlemen, I am not a Communist nor a Red. I take my much disappointment and disilpolitical creed from Abraham and expect his "of the people, by the people, for the people" to mean something more than just a lot of hot air.

out every damned dishonest one OPA is raising prices. Price ceilof them. And by the same token ings are being removed from one

I have noticed recently the Howev ALL IN ALL the conduct of these Senators was little better Stokes national column regard- percent of the American people

Continue to advocate better things for the people, and blast those who would destroy it-Democrats and Republicans

Very respectfully yours, George L. Evans 1138 Mission Street San Francisco, Calif.

#### STOP BUYING IS ANSWER

We have noticed your paper, and are gratified at the play you have given OPA. But you haven't gone far enough. The way OPA is at present is the source of dusionment for those of us who Lincoln's Gettysburg address, have worked for the continuation of Price Control.

The price line is not being held. Apparently Paul Porter is no Chester Bowles, and small minor-Let's keep the Democrat and ity groups must be at work, and Republican parties. But let's root successfully, too. Every day, the I am interested in your organiza- item after another until the price tion only so long as you are hon- control features exist in name

But OPA must be continued. ganization received in Tom along the line must stop. Ninety

## Kindness Pays Off



TO EX-SERVICEMAN James Kilpatrick, 26, of Glendale, Cal., was everyday kindness to share his Army coffee and cakes from home with a hungry old French lady; but that kindness so impressed Mme. Jeanne Marchal, 83, of Baccarat, France, whose seven sons were killed by the Nazis that she willed Kilpatrick \$50,000 before her death last January. The bequest was totally unex-pected to Kilpatrick who will use it to study music.

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In view of all this, something must be done. New York has orcases not getting a wage that and last week recognized Price Control Week. They recognize that it is a community respons bility-and more power to 'em

That's the secret. The way to stop this inflationary pressure is to make the weight of your veterans organization felt. Get behind a movement to "Stop Buy ing" until prices come down.

Force government officials to mean what they say when they shout "hold the line," and insist

> C. E. Adams and 19 Indianapolis Citizens and Businessmen

### **Platter Chatter** FOR YOU JIVE HOUNDS

The Record Business is still whooping it up. While the established companies are putting out pop tunes, the little boys are grabbing a lot of the good sidemen and putting out these tunes that are ordinarily heard only in 52nd street clubs—and at a terrific price.

WILLIE SMITH, for instance, is on three new releases and under three different labels. He backs up Dinah Shore on HERE I GO

For my money it's Willie's horn that makes the record and if you like Dinah's work, you've really got something. It's a Colum-

AND NOW Willie branches out with Corky Corcoran on MINOR BLUES-Keynote 621 and LOVE FOR SALE with the Double Quintet combo-Fran-Tone 2005. These, by the way, are strictly for

THE BEST record is Krupa's YESTERDAYS-Columbia 36931. Charlie Ventura has never sounded better and makes it a choice record. For fine tenor work, get this one.

IN THE COMMERCIAL field Dick Haymes teams with Helen Forrest for a beautiful IN LOVE IN VAIN—Decca 23528. Natch they both sing fine and, what with having good background music-notice especially the flute and oboe—they make good listening.

AND THEN the groaner—Bing always manages to come up with a big leaguer. This time it's WE'LL GATHER LILACS-23510. Nothing needs to be said about it other than it's all Crosby. On the bottom side is I'LL BE YOURS.

This should interest those of you who were in France. All those little orchestras at transient messes were playing it under the title of J'Attendrai-sounds much better by Bing.

THIS ONE isn't in the stores yet, but they'll probably have it by next week. It's Woody Herman's HAPPINESS IS JUST A THING IS Plea of Social Security Chief

They V disked it about a year ago and it turned out to be one of the finest things they've done, so what could be better than to

record it commercially. The line falls in on the right.

Here's something for the "cats." Bert White, an IndIianapolis musician, is putting up his collection for sale. His stuff is listed and ance programs to cover most includes some Original Dixieland Band, Biederbeck, etc. Prices are gainfully employed persons now

You can contact him at Pearson Music Co. in Indianapolis. Here's ly 7,000,000 agricultural and doa chance to add to your collection.

HERE'S a good note to wind up on. A new record outfit is going under the name of Independent Record Producers and on the label in bold print will be IRP!! With that kind of a handle I wonder 000 self-employed, now are exif Lombardo is recording for them.

#### THE LONG HAIR GROOVES

kofief). Some time before the is perhaps best known for his con-vocated by AVC in the "state-Nazis turned on Russia the Rus. ducting of opera scores, espe- ment of intentions." sians had made a wonderful and cially Verdi. Here he lets himself wrote some of the most stirring music ever written for a movie background. Later he took this music and arranged it in cantata ture recordings. Victor single form for Orchestra, Chorus and

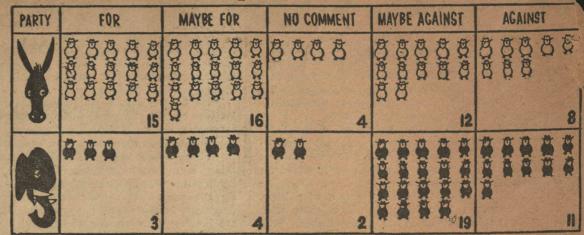
The latter part of last year Columbia recorded this music with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Westminster Choir, and Jeannie Tourel as soloist. The recording is ex- line. If it is of general interest ley told the AMVETS national cellent, the music even more stir- we will try to include it in this committee that there are 97 vetring and exciting than it was in column, in any event you'll get the movie. Columbia Album MM-580 contains five records.

CONCERTO NO. 1 IN G MIN-OR (Bruch). A good many years ago, when Menuhin was a child prodigy, he recorded this concerto with the London Symphony Orchestra. It was an outstanding recording of its time.

Now with his genius mature he has remade this exciting concerto with the San Francisco Symphony, Monteux conducting. The recording is superb, the surfaces fair. It has all the melody sky and a great dea more fire. Victor Album MM-1035 on four records.

KIDDIE RECORDS—The finest set ever produced, to this reviewer's knowledge, is a two-record album on plastic (unbreakable) made by Cosmo entitled "Tubby the Tuba." The narrator is Victor Jory and he is assisted by a fine symphony orchestra. It has an interesting kiddie story with some music appreciation that is very subtle and very fine. A sample, "The violins play the dance and throw it to the flutes saying, 'Catch.' 'We've got it,' say the flutes," and this is done throughout the story until almost the entire orchestra has been identified and played in solo. There is is no better way for a child, or grown-up either, to learn music appreciation.

How Senators Line Up on Loan to Britain



Source: United Press Survey

placed by his employer to evi-

dence contributions made by the

employer and the worker," he

adapted to the self-employed, he

A similar program could be

Results of a United Press survey to determine how the members of the U. S. Senate stand on the proposed \$3,750,000,000 British loan. Most interesting fact is that 57 Senators don't seem to have been able to make up their minds.

### -Happenings On The National Scene-

# Coverage for Twenty Million More

Chairman A. J. Altmeyer of mestic workers. the social security board last excluded, including approximatemestic workers.

He estimated 21,000,000 gainfully employed, including 10,000,--DONALD WINTIN cluded from the social securiay program.

Such a move as this, which is obviously intended to provide Here are some selections in the OVERTURE (Verdi). Some col. more old age security to memlectors collect overtures and here bers of low income groups, is ALEXANDER NEVSKY (Pro- is one for the books. Toscannini another step along the lines ad-

ALTMEYER made his recomprophetic movie about the hero, go and winds up with a wonder- mendations to the house ways Alexander Nevsky. Prokoflef ful recording that will cause the and means committee as it berecord shops to sell out too fre- gan hearings on proposals to quently until they realize what broaden the social security prothey have—then they'll reorder gram as recommended by Presiin quantities. It is tops for over- dent Truman last September.

> The social security chairman proposed that a stamp-book system be set up to collect contribu-

erans' hospitals either projected or under construction and there a prompt reply. - ERNEST HEare 12,000 veterans in need of

hospitalization.

### If Majority Rule-Then OPA Continues

With a fight looming on continuance of OPA in face of growing pressure from lobbying groups, the Gallup Poll released the following information following a recent survey:

FOR AGAINST White collar workers\_\_\_ 20% Professional and businessmen\_\_\_ Manual workers\_\_\_\_ 33% 60%

IN ADDITION, representatives of Housewife Leagues throughout the country, asserting membership of women, went before Congress last week and demanded continuance of OPA for another year.

Does the majority rule?

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nected with records, just drop a

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"Under such a system each em- said, and eventually to the "bulk" week recommended expansion of ployee would receive a stamp of the other gainfully employed

the old-age and survivors insur- book in which stamps would be now excluded.

#### SEN. PEPPER SEASONS DEBATE WITH HOT FIGURES ON WAGES

Speaking on behalf of the 65 cent an hour minimum wage bill presently on its way to being weakened to a 55 cent an hour measure, Senator Claude Pepper (D. Fla.) said, "I think we will all agree that at the very most, industrial wages did not raise more than 75 percent during the period from 1929 to

SPEAKING ON THE FLOOR of the Senate, he then went on to present the following figures from a table that had been compiled on national income during representative periods:

WAGE-EARNERS INCOME 1929-\$47,500,000,000 1939-\$39,000,000,000

1933-\$24,200,000,000 1944-\$84,000,000,000 SAVINGS BY CORPORATIONS

1929—\$ 1,300,000,000 1944-\$ 5,400,000,000

MR. PEPPER said, "There was an increase of more than 44 percent in corporate savings between 1929 and 1944."

Water, Water

### tions from agricultural and do- Lid of 55 Cents About to be Clamped Veterans' Administrator Brad On the 65 Cent Minimum Wage Bill

The AVC supported 65 cent minimum wage bill before Congress appeared headed for the familiar "watering" treatment this week Senate leaders opposing the bill at that level were rported to be forcing a compromise at a 55 cent figure. Senators Allen J. Ellender,

D. La.) and Joseph Ball, (R. Minn.) were indicated as those boosting amendment sponsored that this would probably be the 65 cent figure were lowered. action taken.

Reference Material

in June said last week, "A 65 5. Ed. note.) cent an hour minimum would be then included "many persons now happily employed."

the floor to advocate a minimum wage of 55 cents instead.

spearheading the 55 cent propos- by Sen. Richard D. Russell (D. al. A "Senate source" indicated Ga.) could be knocked out if the

President Truman has served notice that he will veto the bill if it should reach his desk with Senator Raymond Willis, who the Russell Amendment still athas hopes of receiving the Sen-tached. (For more information atorial nomination from Indiana see "Washington" column, page

The United American Veterans Indiana's senior senator took asked Senator Elmer Thomas, D., Okla., to support a \$10,000, 000,000 federal appropriation to The list of those seeking the provide jobs for veterans. Officompromise is composed primar- cers of the organization preily of northern Republicans and sented a petition urging that the Southern Democrats. They are money be used to finance public said to feel that the farm-price works projects and provide jobs.

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### becial Board Appointed



Special Board appointed to probe alleged charges of a "caste system" in the Army, has its first meeting at the Pentagon in Washington. Front row, left to right, are Capt. Adna H. Underhill, Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, chairman. Standing, left to right, T/Sgt. Jake Lindsay, Lt. Gen. Troy H. Middleton and Sgt. Merrill N. Frost. (International).

WARD 20

About a year ago James War-Army hospital. Mr. Bellah didn't "lust among the limbless." pull any punches.

20 was promptly accepted and when they see a pretty girl is the publishers went their way pretty much what other men making plans for its distributhink about-only more so. There

tuous way an Army representa- novel. was in the fire.

frightened of brass and Double-lem.

day and Company have pur-By JAMES WARNER BELLAH chased Mr. Bellah's screed and have released under their imprint.

It's hard to determine now just ner Bellah, distinguished free what all the fuss was about. The talker and writer who had served book has received considerable n both recent wars, completed praise in some quarters, turned unusual manuscript on the an occasional stomach, and was general subject of life in an described by one reviewer as

WHAT MAIMED soldiers in THE MANUSCRIPT of WARD Service hospitals think about isn't any cure for the problem But somewhere along that tor- Mr. Bellah describes in this

tive horned in and so frightened But having the matter brought everyone connected with the ven- to our attention (and perhaps to ture that it was promptly the attention of those whose job shelved. However, a few copies it is to minister to the criplled reached the public and the fat veteran) may well stir us to action. If not action, at least we Peace has now rescued WARD won't forget the guys to whom 20. Publishers are no longer the matter of housing is no prob

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### ARMY TO CHANGE ITS WAY OF LIVIN'

### GI's to Get Break In Courts Martial In New Army Setup

Soldiers letters to the Stars and Stripes in Europe complained long and loud throughout the war —and after—that enlisted men were not getting a fair break when it came to court martials.

Last week it paid dividends. Secretary of War Patterson announced that the Army court martial procedure was in for an overhauling and that the "caste system" of it was on its way out.

The present way of doing things has been unchanged in a quarter of a century and Patterson said, "The War Department is out to devise the most efficient, just way of providing military

ian board of nine prominent Army." judges and lawyers to look into grievances. Complaints mostly June 30, 1948, of the multi-colored have been to the effect that G.I.s were getting the Book thrown at them for things that officers were getting by with frequently.

Other complaints were that the

Navy have appointed boards to able lining. of regulations.

It Ain't Possible

### Officer-GI Distinction is to End As All 'Spruce Up' in Same Uniform

The Army took one of its most radical steps in history last week. It took the first long, lengthy step toward placing the Army on a more democratic basis by ordering that all distinctions in unifrom between officers and enlisted men would end in 1948. The only difference will be in insignia.

used in enlisted men's clothing. Both will wear battle jackets and was American GI. trousers of the olive drab now

sible at the same time.

summer khaki uniforms will be without the existing distinctions between ranks.

The order followed by only three days Secretary of War Patterson's appointment of a group to recommend any changes neces-PATTERSON appointed a civil- sary for "building a citizen's

> They involve outlawing by style mixture of forest green shirts, blouses, jackets and pink

ALSO TO BE abandoned are system permits only officers to various types of long and short act as judges, prosecutors, and overcoats. These will be supdefense council at courts martial. planted by a combination over-BOTH THE ARMY and the coat and raincoat with a detach-

review the sentences of prisoners Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower instill in custody. Some of these itiated the proposed adoption of terms are known to be from 40 a blue dress uniform. He sugto 75 years, and many are for gested its wear in Germany to comparatively minor infractions distinguish American personnel from the French, displaced per-

sons and others whose basic garb

Under the same policy, the War New regulations contemplate Department said, military personalso the adoption of a blue uni- nel would not be authorized to form for dress occasions, if pos- don civilian clothing as long as there was any substantial ele-THE NEW BLUES, and also ment of competition for supplies.

#### Senate Group Sets Deadline For Draft Vote

The senate military committee this week set April 9 as the deadline for a vote on whether to extend the draft law and, if so, for how long.

Meantime, it will hold hearings on the need for continued inductions. These probably will begin Thursday with selective service, Army and Navy officials as the witnesses. Opponents will be heard later.

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) proposed the April 9 deadline, with public hearings, after the committee had split evenly Tuesday over a move to extend the draft six weeks with public hearings on whether the draft should be continued longer than that.

does not enter into the picture is needed."

Asked about his opinion on the type of Army needed, Gen. Holbridge advocated "a small, mobile mocracy, we must practice it in These men would receive pay General Holdridge, who recent the Army. The way for us to get commensorate with their responsibilities and with what the job

> Ending up his blast against understanding and mutual coop- present-day Army practices, Generation." Gen. Holdridge then eral Holdridge said, "More consciwent on to say that "present con- entious objectors should be released from the Army. Only 25% are throw-backs to the feudal sys- have been released to date and they deserve a better break."

> GENERAL HOLDRIDGE apofficers and enlisted men. A new destructive powers and thus will

### West Point Grad Puts Bee on Army For Ideas in Vet Voice Interview

Brig. General H. C. Holdridge, the U. S. was interviewed by West Point graduate and one of a VET VOICE reporter in his the most outspoken critics of the room at the Spink Arms Hotel force full of highly trained tech-Army's way of doing things was and said, "If we believe in De- nicians who would be specialists. in Indianapolis last week.

A Bong Model



MRS. MARJORIE BONG young widow of Maj. Richard Bong, one of the nation's topranking war aces who was killed in a test flight last August, is shown touching up a bit before the camera as she starts a modelcareer in Hollywood. The young widow, standing 5 feet, 8 inches ta'l and weighing 125 pounds, has honey-colored hair and azure blue eyes.

ly testified before the Senate of maximum efficiency in our Army is not through iron-clad discipline, would pay in civilian life." but rather through a system of cepts of discipline in the Army tem. They no longer apply."

THE GENIAL, smiling, softspoken general who retired from peared in Indianapolis under the the Army in 1944 then went on sponsorship of the Church Fedto elaborate upon points he ad- eration and spoke against milivocated in his recent appearance tary conscription. He believes before the Senate. He said, "We that the atomic bomb has outneed far less distinction between lawed itself by its very terrible setup in court procedure where serve to outlaw war as our only the Commanding Officer of a unit way to preserve the world.

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# CURRENT LEGISLATION

HOUSING

The Patman bill, HR 4761, embodying Housing Administrator Wilson Wyatt's plan for premium payments and ceilings on existing homes, was dismembered in the House. Provisions for the subsidies and ceilings on old homes were eliminated. Ceilings on new homes were left in. The bill passed by a big majority after the Republicans and most Southern Democrats cut the heart out of it, at the insistence of the real estate lobby. It is now in the Senate where the administration hopes the subsidies and ceilings on existing houses will be re-

AVC ACTION:

A steady flow of letters must continue until actual passage in the Senate. Rallies and telegrams should be planned just before debate begins. Specify the Wyatt Housing program.

PRICE CONTROL

OPA is due to expire June 30 unless HR 5270 is passed, which extends OPA until June 30, 1947. There is already much opposition to this bill, and committee hearings before the Banking and Currency Committee are now being held. Mayor O'Dwyer of New York was the latest to testify in favor of it. The House Postwar Economic Policy Committee has recommended "modified" extension of the Price Control Act. Modified extension would mean some increase in prices and an "improved" administration of OPA.

AVC ACTION:

Save Price Control now. Oppose specifically cuts in the appropriations for the OPA and the CPA (Civilian Production Administration). wire Rep. Brent Spence (D., Ky.), chairman of House Banking and Currency Committee, or Paul Porter, head of OPA.

MINIMUM WAGE

Senate bill 1349, to provide a 65c hourly minimum wage, has been reported favorably by the Labor and Education Committee and will reach the floor soon. The minority report calls for a 55c minimum.

AVC ACTION:

Write your Senator favoring the majority committee report. Senator Willis of Indiana has come out for a 55 cent limit. If you favor the higher minimum, wire him to change stand.)

LABOR

The Senate Labor and Education Committee has rejected the Case bill, passed by the House, but it will report some kind of a labor bill. When it does. it is probable that the Ball-Hatch (S 1171), the Lea (HR 5117), and the Ellender (S 1661) bills will be offered on the floor as amendments. All are regarded as anti-labor.

AVC ACTION:

Though the Case Bill was killed in committee, effort must be made to keep amendments embodying anti-labor action from being added to whatever bill is reported out. Support should be given to Senators Murray and Morse who have suggested that full investigation be made of the breakdown of collective bargaining since V-J Day.

STATE DEPARTMENT

The Bloom bill in the House, providing for an International Information and Cultural Affairs program within the State Department, is bottled up in the Rules Committee. It has passed the Foreign Affairs Committee. The President and Secretary

Byrnes regard this bill important to world peace and understanding.

AVC ACTION:

Write or wire Rep. Sabath, (D., III.), Chairman of the House Rules Committee, to free this bill from committee and allow its consideration. Opposition strategy will be to pare down State Department cultural relations by cutting appropriation below workable amount needed.

#### EMPLOYMENT

President Truman recently signed the Employment Act of 1946 which sets up a three-man commission to study the possible extent of employment by private enterprise and make budget recommendations to provide for government employment (public works programs, etc.) to "maintain maximum possible employment." AVC backed this and testified in the House and Senate in favor of it.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee on social security are continuing.

Chairman Arthur Altmeyer of the Social Security Board recommended major changes in the OASI program, including (1) raising the annual wage base from \$3,000 to \$3,600; (2) extension of coverage to agricultural workers, the self-employed, employees of religious, educational and other nonprofit organizations, and federal, state and local government employees; (3) reducing to 60 years the age limit at which women may qualify for retirement; (4) protection for veterans who have los status in the system because of service in the armed forces.

Note To Bobby Soxers

### Lafollette Receives Endorsement From High-powered Artistic Group

Representative Charles M. LaFollette, principal speaker for the American Veterans Committee banquet to be held April 11, at Lincoln Hotel got a big push along the line gressive thinking in the Congress ship into the campaigning. in his campaign for the Senatorial nomination last week when he received the endorsement of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

THE COMMITTEE'S Washing-

ton headquarters said its support

of Representative LaFollette is

part of a national program which

gressive candidates and defeat

would be thrown into the fight.

Most Photogenic



VOTED the "nation's most photogenic girl" by the Society of Photographic Illustrators in New York, Korky Kelly, 19-year-old blonds of Toledo, O., is guaranteed at least \$5,000 in model fees for a year as first prize. She won over 5.000 others

for more freedom, liberty and economic freedom."

ticket, spoke at Bloomington and short radio talks and campaign said, "There is far too little pro- literature featuring the member-

Mr. LaFollette, who has been called a "radical" in Republican ranks, went on to explain that any change in the set-up must come from within the parties themselves, and that a third it hopes will elect "liberal, pro-

reactionary obstructionists." Committee spokesmen said the full resources of the organization week for Congressional reform. lington, Edna Ferber, Lillian sary.

He said, "there is a definite need Hellman and Carl van Doren.

THESE AND OTHERS from Vets Have the committee's membership of The Evansville representative 10,000 artists, actors, writers and who is waging a hot, three-cor- scientists may take the stump for nered fight for the Senatorial approved candidates. The com- on the Senate floor for a vote. nomination on the Republican mittee also plans to introduce

### LaFollette

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PRESENTING Mr. Lafollette party would only lead to "chaos." at the banquet will be Mrs. Har-SOME OF THESE resources, riet Stout, ex-service woman, and ately by wiring Capehart, Willis, available under the committee's prominent Indianapolis business and the Banking Committee deplan to help boom the chosen can-woman. Tickets for the affair are manding passage of the measure didates are Charley Boyer, Hazel available at State Headquarters Scott, Frank Sinatra, Olivia de of AVC, 305 Inland Bldg., Ri. 4481, who also have stood solidly with Havilland, James Cagney, Bill or may be reserved by mail. AVC on this measure are expect-Mr. LaFollette spoke out last Mauldin, Eddie Cantor, Duke El- Membership in AVC is not neces. ed to urge all their members to

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It is now that veterans must be heard on the issue. Senators Capehart and Willis of Indiana must know how the veteran feels on this matter, as well as the Senate Banking Committee. And the veteran alone can tell them.

The American Veterans Committee, which has been leading the fight for passage of this bill in its original form, urges all veterans to take action immedi-The Veterans of Foreign Wars, take similar action.



Yes, we believe in suggestions, especially when it comes to food. It pays to eat in a restaurant where only the best food is served and served inefficiently.

We cordially invite you to try our excellent cuisine at either lunch time or dinner time. Our aim is to please you and we know that you will be pleased when you eat at the Canary Cottage. So we suggest . . .

THE PLACE TO GO



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Five Cents

### VET HOUSING GETS TOP SPOT AS CPA MOVES IN INDIANA-

Veterans' housing in Indiana was given a shot in the arm this week with the announcement that Civilian Production Administration headquarters have been set up in Indianapolis. This means that the recent order limiting all industrial building until the present housing crisis is solved now has the teeth necessary to implement the order throughout Indiana.

Experiencing a housing shortage of its own, the CPA finally found office space three weeks after the Washington order and began to function full time on April 16 at 317 Kreske Bldg.

MR. ALBERT O. EVANS, Industrial Consultant in the capitol city, is District Manager and to him will go the job of acting upon all building permits throughout Hoosierdom.

Every bit of construction above \$1,000 on commercial buildings and \$15,000 on industrial buildings must come to the CPA office in Indianapolis where only those that are absolutely essential will get the "go" sign. Hore cr. this does not mean that all industrial construction will be stopped.

itself. Factories making acces- this time." sories for houses must be given cilities. But if the construction

#### We Need OPA?

The National Association of Manufacturers says "No."

One of the best indications to show how wrong they are occured last week in music stores throughout the country. On March 6 the ceiling on band instruments had been lifted completely.

Here's what happened in ex-

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Mr. Evans went still further in every chance to expand their fa. this by asking all persons who (Continued on Page 2)

### Patman Bill In Partial Senate Win With Our Senators Against Measure

The Patman Bill, strongly supported in its original form by the American Veterans Committee, both won and lost in the legislative hoppers of the Senate last week. The subsidy provision, which will underwrite building costs to the tune of \$600,000,000 and thereby make a \$6,000 home possible for vets, was reinstated. This was

The defeat occurred a few days had set up howl through all their existing houses.

the average vet-and was intend- Washington. ed to keep realtors from makin the present scarcity.

Reference Material

Indiana Senators failed to sup. 000 houses in two years. port either housing measure before the Senate. Senator Capehart voted against the subsidy provision and tried to introduce legislation which would have de- To Aid Formation

He also voted for the amendment which knocked ceiling prices from existing dwellings, than ever for vets.

to vote on either measure.

BUT SENATE action, in re. April 11. placing at least one of the origisures.

Veterans from coast-to-coast this spring.

later when the Senate rejected organizations when the House of the plan to fix a price ceiling on Representatives had yielded to gs within the purchase range of with AVC leading the fight in

build a record number of 2,700,- tion to be held in Des Moines in

## So. Bend Member Of Constitution

action which makes purchase of member of the South Bend AVC dinner. Michigan City's most present dwellings more remote Chapter, was appointed as a dele- prominent citizens have been ingate to the National Constitution-Senator Raymond Willis failed al Committee, it was revealed rison. Arthur Zinkin, Jr., State after the State Executive Com- Executive Secretary, also will mittee meeting in Michigan City speak.

nal measures, was considered to will work together to draw up a be evidence of the power of con-permanent Constitution for AVC certed action on legislative mea- and present it to the National Convention in Des Moines later

### IN SPOTLIGHT AT AVC BANQUET



Principals at the American Veterans Committee banquet at the Lincoln Hotel, Thursday, April AS MR. EVANS pointed out, will not help home production 11, were Martin Larner, state AVC chairman; Representative Charles M. LaFollette, principal speaker, "Some industrial building is nec. then we intend to see to it that and Harriet Stout, ex-WAC captain who presented the Congressman. Mr. LaFollette, candidate essary to the housing program the building does not go up at for the Republican Senatorial nomination, hit hard at United States foreign policy.

### Charles Lafollette Raps at U. S. Policy And Asks Honest Treatment For Russia

Indiana members of The American Veterans Committee and other interested persons heard Representative Charles M. Lafollette fire one of his big guns in his drive for the Republican Senatorial nomination at the AVC banquet Thursday, April 11, at the Lincoln Hotel, in Indianapolis. Before a dinner crowd of approximately 200 persons, Mr. Lafollette blasted the U. S. stand against Russia, and called upon the governments of the Big Three to to discard diplomatic practices "which originated in an era of na-

### Mich. City AVC to Install Officers With Founder Gil Harrison Speaking

The Michigan City installation dinner for new officers will be the pressure of big-time lobby- made doubly interesting with the appearance of Gil Harrison, one THIS PROVISION would ob- ists. This took the form of tele- of the founders of AVC. The dinner will be held in the Spaulding jously keep the present dwell- grams, rallies, and statements Hotel in Michigan City the night of April 25th, and plans are being made for more than 150 to be in attendance.

WILSON W. WYATT, national Pacific, where he served as a sering a lot of gravy out of resale housing expediter, had consid- geant in the Army Air Forces. official term as chairman, he ered these measures to be of pri- He is in charge of all arrange- served as temporary chairman candidate voice his views about mary importance in his plan to ments for the National Conven-since last October.

> in Gary on January 26 and 27 in what was considered to be one of the most impressive and sincere talks most of the members had ever heard.

June.

All Indiana AVC chapters are Rabbi Albert M. Shulman, a urged to send delegates to the vited in order to help honor Har-

TICKETS may be secured by The Constitution committee calling State Headquarters, or chapter secretaries.

> Kenneth Young was re-elected Chairman of the Chapter at the annual election held April 11th. Mr. Young will be serving his first

Other officers elected at the IT MAY BE remembered that time were W. G. Dabbert, vicehe spoke at the state convention chairman; Walter Beishline, Recording Secretary; Robert White, shoulder on the topic, "After All Harrley, Treasurer.

#### To AVC Members

With the expansion of AVC activities throughout Indiana, correspondence is beginning to hang heavy over the heads of state headquarters personnel. Typing help definitely needed on a part time basis. Persons knowing of someone with typing experience willing to give AVC a helping hand, please contact state headquarters, RI. 4481.

THE BANQUET, which was entirely an AVC undertaking, was conceived as a way for AVC members to become interested in the political issues of the day.

The AVC slogan, "Citizens First, Veterans Second" was given Mr. Harrison, recently returned from overseas duty in the South a chance to mean something in the gathering since it furnished something in which the veteran as a citizen must be interestedour foreign policy.

> Mr. Lafollette certainly did that. Speaking straight from the Corresponding Secretary; Russell the Veteran Is a Citizen," the redheaded pepper-pot who represents the Evansville district in Congress at the present time, said, 'What I am asking, and what I think the American citizen who has recently become a veteran is asking, is an opportunity to exist in a world at peace. We ask that gross prejudices be removed as we work to produce a better

> > Leading from there directly into the touchy Iranian problem, Lafollette said, "Therefore, if Russia needs oil—and it appears that the U.S., Britain, and the Dutch have hogged all the oil-

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## AVC ACTIVITIES

#### **AVC KILOCYCLES**

# To Voice Need For Is Round Table War II Vet Outfit

On Tuesday, April 23, the Amerhave a hand in a state-wide radio next week over Station WHOT, airing of one of the most contro- South Bend. The exact time of versial issues of the day.

sion will be "Is There a Need for which approached Mr. Baldoni to a World War II Veterans Organ- handle the top spot. ization?" and the views will be broadcast over Station WIBC, Ingroups including labor, condianapolis, at 7:00 p. m. on the "Speak Up, Indiana" program.

Approaching the question from the affirmative side will be Arthur Zinkin, Jr., state executive secretary, who will evplain how AVC satisfies the needs and desires of who is Ass't Building Commisthe World War II vet.

mative side of the fence will be ered to be recognition for the ac-William Stout, Indianapols World tive interest AVC has taken on War II veteran. Mr. Stout is not the housing situation in South a member of AVC, and will speak Bend. AVC has sponsored disas an independent veteran, citing cussion groups and rallies in that how organizations from other vicinity and has constantly superas are failing the veteran of ported Mayor F. Kenneth Dempthe recent conflict.

Denying the need for a World N. Armstrong, former national vice-commander and state com- is "the best in Indiana." mander of the American Legion. Earl A. Kightlinger, War II vet, Hammond Chapter also will appear on the negative side to support the belief that a Is Latest Entry War II setup is not necessary.

the Indianapolis News, will act as moderator. Remember: Tues- growing ranks of AVC in Indiana. day, April 23, 7:30 p. m., WIBC, Following a preliminary meeting Indianapolis.

### **Executive Council** Lays Groundwork In Biggest Meet

the largest since Indiana's organ-entrance of East Chicago just a LI. 7569. ization. Every chapter in the week before. Getting Hammond state was represented, and al- into the fold is considered subthough no startling new develop- stantial proof that the Calumet Gary AVC Acts to Vet Housing ments came out of the session, a area is one of the strongpoints

GENERAL organizational prob- chapters. lems, which right now are of prime importance, came in for a been formulated as yet. lion's share of the discussion.

cago and Hammond made their or's Emergency Housing Commit-energy. The members had mimeo- be halted. The order reads that first appearance at a Statewide tee yesterday. meeting, as their charters were granted recently.

Zinkin, Jr., Executive Secretary; Zinkin, Jr., Executive Secretary, Total operational maintenance much of the discussion of the order martin Larner, Indianapolis, cost was estimated at \$94,800. McMahon Bill" wrote Lydia Neuron of the order rent interpretation of the order Vice-Chairman; Joseph Baldoni, South Bend; Irving Lar-Indianapolis; Lyman Taylor, Michigan City; Richard Weiss, from veterans on a basis of need Hammond; Franklin C. Hubbard, and issuing priorities for rentals. South Bend; Kenneth Young, Michigan City; Lydia Neuwelt, Gary; William Gillick, Jr., La-Porte; Dale L. Kinsey, LaPorte; and Frederick J. Helms, Terre Haute, delegates.

### Low Rent Project For Indp'ls Vets **Nears Completion**

First units in the Stout Field veterans' housing project will be ready for rental within a few

A TENTATIVE budget of rental income and maintenance

## AVC On Air-Waves South Bend Head Discussion Chief

Joe Baldoni, chairman of the South Bend chapter of AVC will be head man of a round table ican Veterans Committee will discussion on housing to be held ersial issues of the day. the program has not been an-THE HOT TOPIC under discus- nounced as yet by the station

> A CROSS SECTION of civic tractors, and veterans will be represented on the half-hour show which is intended to present all sides of the picture of the acute housing shortage existing in the northern Indiana city.

Placement of the AVC chairman sioner of South, Bend in the top ALSO SUPPORTING the affir- spot on this program is considing for veterans.

To date that effort has resulted War II organization will be Vayne in approximately 150 pre-fabs, which, according to Mr. Baldoni,

# STEPHEN NOLAND, editor of Into State AVC

Another chapter has joined the the week before, a group of veterans got togehter in Hammond, Indiana, on March 19 to definitely form a chapter.

Presiding over the group was Len Schroeter, former Stars and Stripes correspondent. Charles Hammond District, was one of the members present.

The Executive Council meeting FORMATION of this chapter lot of good solid groundwork was of AVC activity in Indiana, since Support McMahon (Continued From Page 1) laid.

Gary and East Chicago also have

In attendance were: Arthur ing Authority's regional office.

approximate \$120,000.

Homes Registry of the Indianscreening the 842 applications

#### Vital Statistics

After sweating it out in the conventional manner for several weeks, Harry Gottlieb, exeditor of VET VOICE, is once again on the road to recovery. Harry, who now resides in Chicago, is the proud papa of a six pound, eleven ounce baby girl born on April 12 in the Windy City. Mother and daughter, who has been named Ann, are doing nicely. Gottlieb was well enough to ghost write his regular "Senator Waldorf Grouse" column which appears on Page 5 of this issue.

# THROUGHOUT THE

LUCKY PEEPLES



AVC MEMBERS Tom Kiernan, left, and Frank Hodges cast Fleming, State Senator from the longing glances at the automobile which is the property of The American Veterans Committee. By April 30, however, ownership is expected to change. There is no further comment necessary. The line forms on the right, that's all. More information can be obtained April 78 n at Michigan City was follows close on the heels of the by contacting Indianapolis Chapter No. 1, 134 Monument Circle,

# A definite program has not And Patman Bills

Chapters at LaPorte, East Chioutgo was prepared by the May- around housing and atomic to the deadline of March 26 will It will go to Chicago subject handbills on housing throughout ing (such as the foundation) has to approval by the National Hous- the city, and voted to support the been started, then construction Patman bill as originally written. will be permitted.

doubtedly was related to recent scare stories in the press." The apolis Community Fund will as Gary chapter voted to support rushed to pour foundations by ner, Indianapolis; William Cune, sume full responsibility for the McMahon Bill as originally written, by a vote of 15 to 8.

THE COUNCIL is progressing well; they will be entitled to three representatives to the National Convention.

replace him, officers were elected, having elevated Chris Hibbler from vice-chairman to take his

groups in the town.

report the infraction to CPA headquarters.

Recent activities in the Gary THIS DOES NOT mean that AVC Chapter have centered buildings under construction prior graphed and distributed 5,000 if any permanent part of a build-

> and must stand despite the fact that some self-centered interests burning the midnight oil in an effort to side-track the legisla-

As Mr. Evans said, "We can unfortunately do nothing about this. These concerns are con-Joe Kutch resigned as chair-forming to the letter of the law. man because of ill health, and to But certainly not to the spirit of it."

JUST HOW many actual materials will be diverted to home-THEY ELECTED Earl J. Le-building cannot be estimated at Claire to the post of vice-chair- this time, according to Mr. Evans. man, and Lydia Neuwelt and But establishment of the CPA Richard Ruddell to represent the headquarters in Indiana is conchapter on the State Executive sidered to be evidence that the government considers housing to The Gary Chapter also decided be of top drawer priority and is to join the Gary Consolidated providing some of the tools nec-Veterans, a group made up of essary to solve it. Congress will representatives of all veteran have to provide legislation to complete the program.

### LaPorte Chapter In One Month Has **Lined Up Housing**

STATE

The twenty members of La-Porte Chapter, under the guidance of temporary chairman and vice-chairman Bill Gillick, Jr., and Dale Kinsey, has tackled the housing situation with energy.

The Chapter, only little over a month old, has located building lots, has made contacts with prefabricated housing dealers, and can now show veterans what steps to take to get housing within a short period of time.

THEY ARE discussing the possibility of making their own concrete blocks by cooperative methods, and they are negotiating for surplus property homes, in group

It was voted by the members that the executive committee notify congress that the AVC in LaPorte is in favor of the passing of the Wyatt bill "as is."

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Friday thru Monday, April 19-22 First Indianapolis Showing Buster Crabbe — Al St. John
"GENTLEMEN WITH GUNS"
Hoosier Hot Shots—"Big Boy"
Williams
THROW A SADDIE ON A STANDARY
han by Daughter of Don Q

esday thru Thursday, April 23-25 Who is King of the Cowboys?

Roy Rogers or Gene Autry
for your answer . . SEE

"COWBOY AND SENORITA"
"OH SUSANNAH"

Friday thru Monday, April 26-29 First Indianapolis Showing
Charles Starrett — Dub Taylor
"The Texas Panhandle"
Robert Lowery — June Storey
"The Road to Alcatraz"
Chapter Play "Daughter of Don Q"

Tues. thru Thurs., April 30, May 1-2 Johnny Mack Brown
"DESERT PHANTOM"
Carole Landis — Wm. Gargan
"BEHIND GREEN LIGHTS"

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Sun. thru Wed., April 21-24 First Indianapolis Showing Leo Gorcey — Huntz Hall
"LIVE WIRES"
In Glorious Color — Eddie Dean
"Romance of the West"
Extra! "Roosevelt, Man of Destiny

Thursday thru Saturday, April 25-27 Deanna Durbin — Franchot Tone
"BECAUSE OF HIM"
Jack Haley "People Are Funny"

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"Senorita From the West"
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Wed. thru Sat., April 24-27 Harry Davenport — Edmund Low-in color "ENCHANTED FOREST" Jane Darwell — Edgar Kennedy "CAPTAIN TUGBOAT ANNIE" Kiddie Matinee Every Sat.—1:15

### STATE AVC RERESENTED AT SPEAKERS TABLE



Chapters throughout the state were well represented at the AVC banquet. Introduced at the gathering, members at the speakers' table were Joe Kutch, Gary, vice-chairman; Sanford Ramsey, secretary; Burton Ruby, Michigan City, treasurer, and Joe Baldoin, chairman of the South Bend chapter.

(Continued From Page 1) then all three nations should tion, the people on those lands where the oil exists should be give fairer treatment."

sives and liberals are obstructed in their plans for a better world by two classes of persons. "Those Russia."

The United Nations is, and should be, used as a forum to reach behind the governments of world," he said. "It evidences lack of confidence in people, inconsistfor any government of any nation to fail to use this forum as a means of reaching the sense of justice, and the great well of good will, inherent in the peoples nations to stoke its hate breeding fires. of the world."

TOUCHING briefly on the dotinued to drive home the importance of the common people.

"The white collar workers and the farmer, in particular, must be better when the forces of monopoly are limited or controlled so that they can be bent to serve the people."

Mr. Lafollette, who is fighting to gain the Senatorial nomination over Senator Willis and William Jenner, was introduced by Harriet Stout, Indianapolis business woman.

#### Indiana Leads

Clifford Dancer, national AVC representative at the recent American Veterans Committee banquet, is a proud papa. Dancer, one of five men who first conceived the idea of AVC back in 1943, returned from the armed services six weeks ago to get the first peacetime glimpse of his brain child which now boasts over forty thousand members from coast-to-coast.

"In those weeks I've visited chapters throughout the country," said Dancer, "and your Indiana chapters are especially active."

"There's no doubt about it," he elaborated, "Indiana is the power of AVC in the middle west."

### Highlights in Lafollette Address

YOU ARE AWARE of the need for supporting and expanding work together to provide a more international cooperation, as it presently exists, into international equitable distribution. In addi- rule by law under a world federation.

EVERY REACTIONARY force throughout history has debased CLASSED AS a "radical" Re- patriotism by making it a strumpet of reaction. Can we forget so publican himself, Mr. Lafollette soon that Hitler and Mussolini were veterans? I charge you with said that the American progres- the obligation to see to it that history does not repeat itself.

THE DESIRE to be objective, if possible; to acknowledge once he said, "are the who and for all that our country, and other countries, in the past have worship at the shrine of Russia used methods which we do not want to see used by our own country and those who find no good in or by Russia, at this date in history.

SPECIFICALLY, we ask of all Americans that Russian national needs, and therefore, Russian foreign policy, be measured by a geothe world to the people of the graphical or economic yardstick and not an ideological one.

WE DESIRE A better way of life. We intend to eliminate the eat with my belief in democracy, evils of monopoly, capitalism, and the economic feudalism it has

WHAT THE WORLD needs is less nationalism-not more small was Clifford Dancer (above), who

THE UNITED NATIONS is, and should be, used as a forum to said the returning veteran is findmestic front, Mr. Lafollette con- reach behind the governments of the world to the people, where a great well of good will is inherent.

THOSE WHO would desire to govern us must show us, the shown that their condition will people, respect, and confidence in our ability to reach a correct result.

#### STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS

We look forward toward becoming civilians; making a decent living, raising a family, and living in freedom from the threat of another war. But that is what most Americans wanted from the last war. They found that military victory does not automatically bring peace, jobs or freedom. To guarantee our interests, which are those of our country, we must work for what we want.

Therefore, we are associating ourselves with American men and women, regardless of race, creed, or color, who are serving with or who have been honorably discharged from our armed forces, merchant marine, or allied forces. When we are demobilized it will be up to all of us to decide what action can best further our aims.

These will include:

Adequate financial, medical, vocational and educational assistance for every veteran.

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A job for every veteran, under a system of private enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture, and government work together to provide full employment and full production for the nation.

Thorough social and economic security.

Free speech, worship, assembly and ballot.

Disarmament of Germany and Japan and the elimination of the power of their militarist classes.

Active participation in the United Nations Organization to stop any threat of aggression and to promote social and economic measures which will remove the causes of war.

Establishment of an international veterans council for the furtherance of world peace and justice among the peoples of all nations.



At The Banquet

## Clif Dancer, AVC Founder, Charges National Selfishness

"Since the war, selfishness has been the keynote throughout the nation," charged Clifford Dancer, national AVC representative, at the AVC banquet Thursday, April 11, which featured Congressman Charles M. Lafollette as the principal speaker. The lanky redhead who was one of the founders of

of AVC in 1943, emphasized that he was giving his own personal Manufacturers last week came fishness that veterans see upon price control.) their return from the wars makes them wonder. It is so utterly dif- the veteran will form into any ferent from the kind of thing we block for exclusive rights," qualihad been taught while in the fied Mr. Dancer. "We are all part

marily to large special interest ond." lobbies in Washington which were housing program, and the OPA Dancer continued to elaborate upin order for self benefit. (Ed.

viewpoints, and said, "this sel- out for complete abolition of all

However, I do not believe that of some economic circle and must, MR. DANCER, who just re-therefore, have a responsibility to turned from Air Force duty in the other citizens by becoming the Pacific, was referring pri- "Citizens First, Veterans Sec-

SPEAKING with only an octrying to defeat the government casional reference to notes, Mr. on the AVC "Statement of Intennote. The National Association of tions" which he helped to formulate back in 1943.

He referred to the need for early solution of the colored problem declaring that "our colored brethren have been so patient with us" and concluded his speech with the subject that forms the basic philosophy of AVC- our attitude to each other.

IF WE wonder at any time as to the road we must take," he concluded, "we need only remember that our first duty is to humanity."

### SELFISHNESS



National AVC representative is one of the founders of AVC. He blasted the selfishness that he ing in all channels of civilian life. (Story on Page 3.)

#### Present

Northwestern Indiana, hotspot of AVC activity in Hoosierdom, was well represented at the AVC banquet. Making the 150-mile trek from "Calumet corner" for the LaFollette address were Joe Kutch, Gary, state vice-chairman; Joe Baldoni, Chairman of the South Chapter, and Burton Ruby, Michigan City, State

With the appearance of Kutch and Ruby, the entire staff of state AVC officers was present for the affair. Martin Larner, State chairman, presided over the meeting and made the introductory remarks, while Sanford Ramsey, Secretary, sat at th espeakers' table and was introduced.



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#### **OUR EDITORIALS**

Political:

### Speech Failed To Provide Blueprint For Action

On the evening of April 11th, members of the Indiana State Council of AVC and their guests dined together at the Lincoln Hotel in Indianapolis and heard a highly significant address made by Charles M. La Follette. Congressman from the 8th Indiana District and candidate for the Republican nomination to the United States Senate.

Mr. La Follette began his speech with the warning that not all virtue resided in being a veteran. . . . "It is unfortunately true that some of our oldest, reactionary and most venal minds reside in young bodies," he said, and pointed to Hitler and Mussolini as veterans to prove his point.

For us, the most interseting part of his speech was that which dealt with the domestic problems of the country. Mr. La Follette said that the common man is tired of hearing promises . . . that we must evolve a philosophy, draw a blue print and begin to apply that blue print if we are to enlarge our democracy so that it encompasses all racial, religious, and economic groups.

That is thoroughly in keeping with the AVC Statement of Intentions and most AVC members sat on the edge of their seats when Mr. La Follette made this statement, had laid down. None was forthcoming.

know that he proposes to use democratic methods and integrity in reaching desired develop this portion of his message.

We shall look forward with interest to his further statements to see whether he enunciates the philosophy, drafts the blue print, and suggests the proper means for building a more democratic and prosperous America in a world at peace.

Sports

### The All-American Game Is Here Again

Baseball is back at home plate for its first post war season in all its star-studded glory. The national pastime will undoubtedly be playing before record crowds in every ball park in the country.

In addition, this banner year for baseball marks a definite step forward in breaking down the discriminatory barriers which have prohibited Negroes from participating in organized ball.

Background shows that most major leaguers of the past have come from the barn yards and sand lots of the South. This has been a factor in the discrimination. In addition, Negro ball players themselves, have contributed little in that they have encouraged gambling and countless other perversities in their few teams which have done nothing but place a flock of bad marks up on their score card.

But whatever the reason, it was one of the strange quirks that had society shaking a prejudiced head for no good reason. Negroes participate in practically every other sport, and in contests where there is far more bodily contact than there is

in baseball. We have only to run down of the armed forces or not, is insignificant. the list of all-time greats in basketball, boxing, and football to find what an outstandgro athletes.

League, Jackie Robinson, a Negro athletic star from UCLA, has trotted out on the is unimportant.

of the problem so vital to our nation's welfare. The Negro will be participating for ica should be when it proudly calls itself pened to me on Army Day.

"the national pastime."

If we are to make an honest attempt to bring about more harmony between the races then this is one of the steps that will symbolize a sincere effort to solve the prob- Dear Editor:

International

### This Is Food For Thought

The nation-wide campaign for food to fight famine is a voluntary one. Nobody has been asked to do without any food necessary to their balanced diet. As a matter of fact, if Americans are willing to substitute potatoes and poultry, which are available in abundance, for bread and red meats, and consume less fats, it is probable that sufficient foods may be supplied the starving nations.

Such an action by us will undoubtedly save the lives of millions of human beings.

This is an absolute necessity. The veterans who participated in the struggle overseas will not soon forget the emaciated, pitiful, children whose bodies were drawn and distorted through improper and insufficient food; or how adults were reduced to animals as they scrambled around garbage cans and refuse buckets.

Even those who did not encounter these extreme circumstances, remember how carefully the more fortunate ones hoarded their limited food stores, and how sincerely grateful they were whenever a GI would share his rations, or package from home, with them. The sincerity that was there was the perfect mirror of the terrible need.

Famine stalks five hundred million peo- didate. Am I wrong? ple in Europe, China, India and North Africa. The breakfast you had this morning is about the total calorie content they the paper you have devoted two get, day in and day out. And something front page articles to Charles M like that ain't funny — when it becomes LaFollette. habit forming.

six million tons of wheat, 365,000 tons of fats and oils, and 1,650,000,000 pounds of ner, there have been two other date. If another candidate is meat will help to pull those people through articles that have been about placed in a similar position, we this terrible, confused, distraught period. LaFollette without reference to will devote a like amount of

But it will do more. It will place us on a basis of international participation which is needed if we are to prevent future wars and aggression.

Lousy, totalitarian states arise out of 305 Inland Building the need by the people for something better problem is licked in its infancy-before it festers and develops into a political sore of international inflammation.

way to prevent future wars.

### **About Washington**

Through the Eyes of Senator Waldorf Grouse

On April 6th I joined Harry, Ike, and some of my other friends on their junket to Chicago for the Army Day festivities. I had a splendid 90-minute oration all prepared, but the President and Chief of Staff hogged all the time. I was, therefore, rendered speechless, to the public's loss.

THE SPEAKERS in Chicago capably stated their case for extension of the draft, compulsory military training, and unification

of the armed forces under a single command.

These are highly controversial questions, and your Senator refuses to commit himself for or against on any of these matters. anticipating an answer to the challenge he I advise you, however, to give them your careful attention. But not your exclusive attention.

NONE OF THESE matters bears directly on the question of We think we know how Mr. La Follette maintaining the peace. These are military matters, primarily conproposes to increase the security and dig- cerned with preparation for potential future wars, in case internity of all men and women. We think we national machinery for maintaining the peace breaks down.

It seems to me that a more timely and fitting theme on Army Day would have been the problems of maintaining a durable peace.

Down Michigan Avenue that day marched some 15,000 men of goals. Perhaps time did not allow him to the 5th Division. They marched well, for their equipment was in good order, and their bayonets flashed in the sun. But to me the most meaningful part of that parade was the men who weren't there, the men of the 1st, 5th, 9th, 32nd, 35th, 106th and all the other Divisions who no longer speak out on behalf of peace. It seems to me that someone should have spoken for them. Nobody did.

DURING THE WAR one question was even present in the shops, on the streets, and in the homes of America, spoken or implied: What are you doing for the war effort? Today, with the fighting ended, the moral pressure has unfortunately eased.

Army Day, I think, would have provided a marvelous opportunity to rebuild that moral pressure upon the citizens of this nation by asking a new and equally vital question: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE PEACE EFFORT?

That, I think, is the question the dead would ask, could they speak from their graves. They, of course, gave the most during the war. Any effort the rest of us made, whether we were in one

They gave everything; we gave but a small percentage of what we have, for we still have our lives.

SINCE THE question wasn't asked on Army Day, here it is ing contribution has been made by our Ne- What are you doing for the peace effort? Are you speaking clearly and frequently for international understanding and co-operation Up in Montreal of the International (or are you bewailing the "inevitable war with Russia")? Are you speaking and working for effective world law (or do you continually clamor for the "sovereignty of nations")?

Do you act in such fashion that you reflect credit upon the diamond this year as the first Negro player United States as a true democracy (or do you practice bigotry and in the organized leagues. If he gets a fair discrimination against people of different control origin, thereby making a mockery out of our statesmen's efforts to give American democracy stature in world affairs?

IF YOU CAN honestly answer "yes" to the three unbracketed What is important is that it is an es- sentences and "no" to the three questions in parenthesis, then you sential step toward greater understanding are doing something for the peace effort by spreading an attitude and state of mind essential for a strong American role in preserving the peace.

Then, perhaps, you can watch an Infantry Division on parade the first time in the very game which tells without turning away ashamed that you are not keeping faith how unrestricted its membership in Amer- with the men who are no longer here to parade. That's what hap-

### Letters to The Editor

**Political Promoters** 

ever since November which is a publicans put up for the Senate, tribute to the strength of my since he won't win anyway. But stomach and my devotion to AVC, is it proper for AVC to use an To say that "The Veteran's official organ as a publicity medi-Voice" has become biased is put. um for a candidate to office? ting it mildly. I thought we had a by-law in our regulation prohibit- story on the thoughts and views ing AVC as an organized group of Schricker, Townsend, or Jackfrom supporting any political can- son, the potential Democratic

am talking about, let me eluci- are just trying to sway the rest date. In the past two issues of of us that way.

his speaking at an AVC dinner. space to him.)

NOW JUST what are you up to? I am a Democrat myself and I have been reading your sheet don't give a hoot who the Re-

If it is, then may I submit a candidate? Fess, up, editor. You IN CASE you wonder what I are in LaFollette's corner and you

(Ed. Note: Our space allotment In addition to these two front to Mr. LaFollette has been two-A sacrifice on our part to the tune of age stories, which might be ex- fold-to promote the dinner and cused on the grounds of drum- to acquaint AVC with the views ming up trade for the AVC din- of an important political candi-

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than what they have. Naturally, they don't Associate Editor......Bob Long 

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# west Voice:

Theodore O. Fisher, Indianapolis Minister, Points The Way For A Confused World On "The Atom And Easter."

(Ed. Note: Rev. Fisher, minister of the Northood Christian Church, knows the thinking of the ex-GI. He has just been discharged after serving in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan as a Chaplain with the Air Force.)

IT IS EASTER and at this time of the year we consider more seriously the meaning of life and death, and our responsibilities to God and our fellowman. We have returned to a strange new world. We have entered a new age, the atomic age.

At present we are suffering from atomic anxiety. This strange new age in which we live is raw in it's newness, and explorers have not as yet marked out trails of safety through the virgin territory that we face. We must venture. We cannot go back and we are afraid of what lies before us.

Exhausted by a terrible war, nations face each other with distrust and fear, holding in their hands, timidly but threateningly, the instruments capable of destroying civilization. We might be called by future historians, the fearful age because of our, ATOMIC ANXIETY.

It is probably unnecessary to illustrate what I mean by "Atomic Anxiety" because we meet it every day in the press, radio, movies, and in a thousand conversations on the streets. A grim pessimism has gripped our world. For instance, Metro studios are producing a film dealing with the atom bomb, which is entitled, "THE BEGINNING OR THE END."

THAT APPEARS to be the question mark which is written over our age. Is this the beginning of a wonderful era of prosperity and human progress or is it the death rattle of civilization?

A group of distinguished scientists, including such men as Dr. Albert Einstein and Dr. Arthur Comp-

ton, have recently published a study of the atom bomb which they have entitled, "ONE WORLD OR NONE" in which they developed the thesis that we either learn to live together as nations or destroy our world.

WE HAVE Time magazine reporting Oak Ridge, Tenn. High School students so shocked by the revelations of a scientist who discussed the atom bomb with them that they organized to do something about it and issued the following statement: "We do not want to die a useless death. We cannot be indifferent. We are alarmed that this terrible menace has not been generally recognized. . . . Our fathers (most scientists or workers in the A bomb development) have told us that the atom bomb can wreck the world, and we believe them." Yes, atomic anxiety is

Now the rather remarkable thing was that when the first shock of atomic power was on the nation, it was the newspaper columnists who turned into the christian prophets of our age, and from Dorothy Thompson to Drew Pearson they warned—we either take Christ seriously, or we perish.

WHAT THEN IS THE CHRISTIANS ATTITUDE TO THE HOUR?

He certainly isn't a pessimist because he still prays," Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," and he does everything in his power to make that prayer a reality. It is my belief that faith in God put into practice in everyday living is the only hope of our world.

We claim to have won the war, but what have we won? Are we better off materially? Are our people better off morally and spiritually than before the war? We have won something and its important.

We've won the right to try to build a better world,

The soldier was ready to die for this way of life. Now our greatest need is men who will live for it. Sometimes living for something is harder than dying

"He serves his country best Who lives pure life and doeth righeous deed. And walks straight paths however others stray And leaves his sons, as uttermost bequest, A stainless record which all men may read; This is the better way,"-Susan Coolidge.

AMERICA has flowered from the great and idealistic principles given her by her forefathers of faith. We have engraved these principles in the stone of our monuments and they are treasured with care in the archives of the capitol, but unless they warm the lives of the people and are treasured in the hearts of the citizens they are meaningless marks in stone and have lost their effectiveness for our generation.

Even as we live and work for a better world let us remember the message and meaning of Easter, "HE IS RISEN." Christians are members of an eternal Kingdom which finds its greatest meaning and development beyond this world. Vicious men tried to wreck the plans of God by using a cruel cross, but failed miserably.

They is no weapon terrible enough devised by the mind of man to destroy the eternal kingdom of God or the christians place in that kingdom.

LET US REALIZE with heads up that we are the indestructibles and meet the problems of our day with confidence and courage. "HE IS RISEN." "BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

### THE SCRAP PILE

#### Screwball Happenings in a Zany World

VET VOICE has been getting the blush treatment the past few days from a flock of eagleeyes who read the Canary Cottage ad in the last issue. The restaurant's ad said something about "Where good food is served, and served inefficient-ly. Now what the help the wasting good food on that kind of service for? . . .

But we ain't the only yokels who go around committing faux peaux's (damn this typewriter) all over the place. Jim Gardner, who had just gotten his discharge, stopped off in Bloomington for a few short ones, and proceeded to lose \$596he thought. Police, though, gave him the onceover, and found the wad stuck away in the top of his shoe. A fellow who gets that mellow from inkin' automatically wears nothing but high shoes. That's a nutty pun, son — cash shoes,

THE ATOMIC QUESTION was given a play recently by some screwball farmer in Indiana. The corn-fed placed an ad in a paper in which he put his farm up for sale by saying "160 acre hill farm in southern Indiana, poor buildings and poor fences. Not much of a farm, but a swell hideout from atomic bombs." And from columns like this, for that matter. . . . Incidentally, War Department big-wigs have been receiving countless requests from people who want to be on the warships when they receive the atomic blasting scheduled for July in the Pacific. The officials say the people are "crazy," but in view of the present house shortage, the ships would furnish nice roomy quarters-but with an unlimited ceiling.

For future reference, you can jot down on ne cuff that if present pressure against the demnstration continues to mount the whole affair as a good chance of blowing up before the bomb.

MUGS IN THE MERRY-GO-ROUND: On the ternational scene this week, a zany outfit wired esident Truman and suggested that chesty Care Landis, the movie actress, be sent to talk things ver with Joe Stalin. That's not so crazy-she bes have a couple of points that should impress ld Joe. . . . Mrs. Helene Boyington, the ex-expense acount of Marine hero "Pappy" Boyington, called

off her marriage recently to George L. Gilbert, a Seattle newspaperman. That is, he had one of the best corners in Seattle. . . . The debt for the so often that you let it slip in War of 1812 can now be wiped off the books. Esther Ann Hill Morgan, daughter of one of the doughfeet of that war, died last week. She was the last U.S. citizen eligible for the claim. I don't know what the old boy's rank was, but it's a matter of simple arithmetic that Mrs. Morgan was born 46 years AFTER the war. Let's see, that should have made pop somewhere under twenty at the time-or at least a second lieu-

RE-EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS is daily becoming a more serious problem, and there's nothing particularly funny about the sityeeation. But things have come to a pretty pass when Edward J. Cooney, Chicago, has to sue his uncle to get back his job as movie operator in one of his uncle's theaters. Cooney is back and his uncle has got him. . . . Edward J. Felix, a vet from northern Indiana, has a sort of animated 2. It is the first step in world diary on a wound he received in the Battle of the Bulge about 15 months ago. Above the shrapnel gash on his left leg he has tatooed "Belguim, Jan. 27, 1945."

ON THE social science side of life, Fred Elkin, is sending representatives into sociologist who slaved away as a T/4 in the Army, has an article in the American Journal of Sociology in which he says GI profanity of the four letter variety will die out the longer vets are at home. The hell it will. . . .

A national survey just released shows that in-law trouble caused by vets having to be squinched up with the "folks" because of the housing shortage, is one of the principal causes for divorce. No house is big enough for two fam-

AND THAT ABOUT DOES IT FOR THIS ISSUE. There is a flock of "peeples who look down their schnozzollas and call AVC an organization of "left wingers." Now that baseball is here that same group will probably be rootin' like hell for a team that has a southpaw keeping them in the

#### On International Front

### AVC Supports U. S. Loan To Britain And States Reasons For Backing

Write your congressmen. You've probably heard this phrase 4. one ear and glide out the other, but AVC is urging every person who reads this to do just that.

WITH an eye to the AVC "Statement of Intentions" for the promotion of "social and eco- ular support. nomic measures which will remove the causes of war," endorsement of the resolution passed by the Washington Chapter which supports the proposed loan to Britain has been made by the National Planning Committee.

Four main reasons back this action, namely:

- 1. It is the most practical solution for the British debt situ-
- economic reconstruction. Britain is our largest customer.
- 3. It will promote a balanced

The Veterans' Administration schools and colleges to see why some G. I. students don't get their subsistence checks on time. Veterans' Administration said priority attention will be ordered for all lagging payments.

growth of international trade. It should aid in stabilizing employment in the reconversion

Congressmen will vote for the bill if their amount of mail justifies the effort and indicates pop-

#### Left Wing?

While testifying in support of the loan to Britain as the American Veterans Committee representative on the subject, Oren Root Jr., prominent AVC member, had the Senate on its ear recently. Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) changed the subject long enough to question Root on the AVC stand on minimum wage, and Case anti-labor bills. Taft charged that AVC is "left wing." Senator Alben Barkley (D., Ky.) roared, "I'm for the minimum wage bill and against the Case measure, too. Does that make me a left-winger, too?"

The subject then went back to the "left-wing" talk of the loan to Britain.

### Authorities Sound Off on Loan to Britain

On a coast-to-coast broadcast last week, auporities aired their views on the loan to Britain a round table discussion sponsored by Modern dustry Magazine. Speaking in favor of the loan s Mr. J. C. Folger, industrialist, while against measure was Senator Burton Wheeler.

Felger said:

We have a moral obligation in order to remove causes for economic warfare.

England is our best foreign customer.

Some persons say this will create five million

We need the foreign trade to assure our prosperity.

England is willing to reciprocate by letting our products into her colonies.

#### Wheeler countered:

We cannot afford to be the economic angel of

We would be taking a loss of 33 million a year on interest alone.

This is the type of thing that would make England a state-controlled economy.

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Attracting considerable atten. hoping always to find a tip-off. tion in the bookstalls and the TO THE BEST of my knowlpress is IF YOU ASK ME. Anna edge she never once gave away Eleanor Roosevelt has selected the President's hand, although the most interesting questions she very often provided the prothat have been asked her and in fessional seers with information should make the home cameraher own nimble-witted way man- as to the trend of thinking at ages to get most of them an the White House. swered in a highly satisfactory way.

IN SPITE of more than a deccriticism Mrs. Roosevelt will al-dent Roosevelt? ways seem to me one of the most same time doing a daily contro- and then, on method, if not on versial stint for a news syndi- principle.

It is a well known fact that who are Republicans? the Washington correspondents

read her stuff more carefully than they read anything else-

Here are some samples from the current collection:

Q. As his wife, did you beade of bitter and vituperative lieve in all the ideas of Presi-

A. Certanly not. I am an inremarkable persons of our time. dividual and so was my husband. For nearly the entire tenure of It happened that on nearly all her husband's Presidency his big issues we agreed but any two wife was on the inside and at the people are bound to differ now

A. I hope so.

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### FOR CAMERA BUGS . . . .

Good news for amateur photographers. And professionals, too, for that matter. Camera shops that have been dummying their shelves these long dreary years with picture frames and apologies for short stocks have been looking up recently.

THE MARKET is far from flooded, but the goods are beginning to dribble in in a steady and encouraging flow. For instance, Royal tripods are back, which hat in the air.

Easels and printers are making a return engagement in almost every popular make, along with every kind of spotlight and reflector. Roll film is plentiful as the April rains, but cut film and packs are still scarce, though promises are being definitely made for "almost immediate" de-

THAT GOES, as well, for flash bulbs-thirty days should see the definite end of the shortage; back Q. Have you any good friends orders are gradually being filled, and new customers, ought to be able to walk out of a shop with whatever kind of number he can afford.

This item should be of special interest to ETO veterans who returned home with German-made cameras. A number of them have been despaired of because of their difference in measure from American-made cameras - cases and tripods and other attachments wouldn't fit. Well, we found a supply of special adapters that screw right into the tripod socket of any foreign make also have seen plenty of cases here in town for these German

And now for the real punchthis is the most exciting chemical discovery of the atomic age -there's a new developer on sale now that eliminates every step except washing.

IT'S CALLED Unidel, and it's to be used for film and paper alike. No hypo, no short stop. Just twenty minutes in Unidel, a half hour to wash, and the job's done. We haven't tried it out as yet, but don't think we don't intend to!-Sol Eshowsky..

#### Oh, Oui, Oui!



RIGHT in style for the Easter parade is Mrs. Marie Antoinette Piano, war bride of Albert Piano, Bronx, N. Y., shown as she arrived in New York aboard the S. S. Brazil. Needless to say, the hat comes from Paris, and so does its (International)

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### Platter Chatter FOR YOU JIVE HOUNDS

#### BY DON WINTIN

Last week I came across an album. Nothing remarkable to look at it, an all Gershwin album. But-scattered over the front cover were the names of some of the best jazz men of the

AS IT TURNED out, it was an Eddie Condon production. Eight count 'em-eight fine jazz tunes.

There is SOMEBODY LOVES ME, LADY BE GOOD, THE MAN I LOVE, SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME-and that's only half of them. It's a truly great jazz album.—Decca 398.

Some of you men have asked why I don't review any Re Bop record. Well, fellas, I just can't get with it. Sure it's a noveltybut where's the music? The records I discuss here are the ones I believe you will still like to listen to five years from now. Good jazz doesn't change-we'll tell you about the good ones.

SOME POP TUNES either linger for awhile and die out or they become standards and it's those with standard potentialities that we'll put in here.

I WISH I COULD TELL YOU-by Benny Goodman, is a good example. The Great Man plays some fine clarinet behind the vocal but you have to listen for it. He is very unobstrusive, but he can afford to be.-Col. 36908.

CHARLIE SPIVAK takes care of TAKE CARE. The plays the opening chorus and its typical Spivak horn, The sweetest tone on earth-that's his billing and we believe it.-Vic-20-1806.

VAUGHN MONROE cuts through with SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES. If you've heard one Monroe tune, you've heard all, but so many like him, I thought you should know it was out-Vic-20-1811.

LOUIS PRIMA, who plays pretty for the people and who used to play good for the musicians, has put out GIMME A LITTLE KISS. Skipping quickly over his vocal, he does come close to his old

style of horn on this one. Just a short go, but nice. On the back side WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO LOVE he lets Jack Power do the singing and then puts so much schmaltz in his playing I wish he had let Power to the whole thing. I'd like to see Louis play the kind of horn he'scapable of, but there's money in the schmaltz, so it looks like no dice.-Maj. 7122.

Be on the lookout for big doings in the music biz. Congress is hopping on Petrillo again and, since it will affect the entire industry, we'll keep you posted. So next issue—the United States Government vs. James Petrillo. That ought to take at least five minutes' reading



Ernst Heberlein

Most Ex GIs who begin cooking on their post-war record collections seems to be doing it in a "classic" manner. Statistics of record sales show that 75 per cent of their requests are for classical records, surprising as it may seem.

Therefore, to keep the ball rolling I am listing what I consider be the rest recordings today.

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) are autstanding. We have listed some that are the best obtainable but which should be remade and these are marked with a question mark (?). Recordings that should be purchased first as a foundation are marked with a small (a). In making the choice, both recording and interpretation have been taken into account.

?No. 1-Rodzinski and Cleveland Orchestra, Columbia MM-553, 4 records.

No. 2-Koussevitzsky and Boston Symphony, Victor DM-625, 4 records.

aNo. 3-Walter and Phila-Symphany Orchestra of N. Y., Col. MM-449. 6 records.

No. 4—Toscanini and BBB Symphony, Victor DM-676, 4 records. ?No. 6-Mitropoulis and Minneapolis Symphony, Col. MM-498, 4 records

aNo. 7-Ormandy and Philadelphia Orchestra, Col. MM-557, 5

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# Vets Fancy Turning to Baseball This Season—Spring That In

Return of Veterans to Baseball as Fans and Players Assures National Pastime of Greatest Season in '46

Veterans, who one year ago were about as close to a baseball game as Tommy Manville is to a hermit, now have something to shout about. The national pastime that they only dreamed distantly about in foxholes and Nissen huts twelve months ago is now very much a part of their daily lives. Yes, baseball-and its most enthusiastic fans-are back.

After four years of taking it on the chin in a bush league manner, the diamond sport got under way Tuesday,

## They're Off--Here's the Way for the like be its They'll Finish--It Says Here

After listening to latrine rumors of a different nature for four years, VET VOICE staff members got their noggins together long ler, Ted Williams, Johnny Beazenough to spout their opinions of the different clubs of the major ley, Joe Gordon, Hank Greenberg leagues. Here's the way we figure them to finish.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON NEW YORK DETROIT CLEVELAND WASHINGTON ST. LOUIS PHILADELPHIA (of course)

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

ST. LOUIS CHICAGO BROOKLYN PITTSBURGH BOSTON NEW YORK CINCINNATI

PHILADELPHIA (but natch)

### 500-Mile Oval Starts Biggest Season

Heavy Lettuce Dept.

### \$20,000 To \$60,000 To Be Slave Wage For ExServicemen

The pay raise for service personnel presently before Congress may influence some people, but are working on their mounts aft. stretch is the 64 dollar question. it's just short change to baseballers who were in the service. (In veterans certain to be on hand e season, some of the returning diamond greats will be worth at the final race in 1941; Paul more than a whole Army of gen- Russo; and Sam Hanks. erals. No cracks, please.)

HANK GREENBERG, an ex-Army captain, will probably top the list with \$60,000, while next in line will probably be Rapid Robert Feller with \$45,000. Other ex-servicemen expected to receive high salaries for the season are Joe DiMaggio, \$42,500; Ted Williams, \$40,000; Dick Wakefield, \$35,000; Dixie Walker, \$22,500, and Joe Gordon, \$20,000. (Ed. Note: That's quite a T/O. Must be the Air Fo

After four years of complete idleness on behalf of the war effort, the 500 mile race in Indian- months, most of the stars appearapolis is beginning to feel its oats ed to be their old selves in the once again, and returning veter- obstacle course of Florida this ans are right in the middle of it. spring. In addition, Feller and

REX MAYS, colorul speedster, recently discharged from the Air Force has already filed his entry. ever, their ability to stand the Frank Wearne, and Emil Andres er recent discharges, and other ollars and cents, at the end of for the starting flag are Floyd Davis, co-winner with Mauri Rose

The classic, which drew 180,000 their old zip, there will probably fans in 1941 for the largest sports be a record number of persons crowd in America will again do business at the same old stand on than 11,000,000 fans viewed the

Twenty entries have already and with the return of about 10,been received and a final flurry of about thirty more is expected. Drivers are already working on their iron buggies at the track, and the asphalt is expected to start jumpin' the last week in April as drivers get their car assembled and attempt to iron out

THE PRIZE this year will be \$20,000 and lap prizes of another \$20,000 have been subscribed by firms as an advertising medium.

### Majors Expect Vets To Furnish Few Of Future Stars

DESPITE the fact that most of the big name baseball stars are out of the service uniform and back in their team uniform, baseball has the greatest talent hunt on in its history.

Reason for this ivory search is he veteran baseballer himself. As one baseball authority said, "Not all vets returning will round into form. In addition, some of them were about through when they went in service and are definitely on the down grade

now."

HE THEN went on to predict that a lot of veterans would drop out of ball completely, saying, "Their ideas have changed and they may have other ideas about making a living. Or they may not want to start over again in a lower league."

He then said that little talent was expected to come from the ranks of the ex-GI. "Those who lacked experience at the time have lost a lot of time. We expect to get most of our future stars from kids who were too young for the service and are just now developing.

Yank Up North



April 16 in the major leagues

most glorious season in history. BIG HOLES in the glamour de-

partment have been filled by the return of war veterans such as

Joltin Joe Dimaggio, Bobby Fel-

Johnny VanderMeer and a host

of other "breakfast food champ-

These stars, some of the great-

est of all time, have been away

from one to five years, and their

return is viewed by their fans

with the enthusiasm of a kid who

opens a box of crackerjack and

finds the secret to the atomic

bomb-or a box of "Forever

THE COMEBACK of these vet-

erans will be watched closely. Although they have been out of

big league action for many, many

Greenberg returned in time for

brief appearances last year. How-

competitive gaff over the long

After all, a lot can happen to the

tempermental \_muscles \_of \_the

finely drawn baseball player in

But if batting eyes are dulled,

or throwing arms do not have

getting the info first hand. More

000,000 veterans, and higher type

ball, the turnstiles are expected

NIGHT baseball, which came

four years time.

Yours."

SENATOR CLAGHORN would probably object to this picture of a Yank training up north and he wouldn't be alone in the objection. The Yankee management doesn't like it, either, for the player working out is Charley (Red) Ruffing. the big pitcher of the club. Ruffing balked at an offer to fly to Panama with the club and has been working out in Chicago

of age in the war years, gathered more supporters in the winter months when the Yanks and the Boston Braves added a lighting system to their parks. This leaves only the Boston Red Sox, Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs as the the traditional Race Day, May 30. small time baseball of last year, clubs where the public cannot find their baseball under a candle.

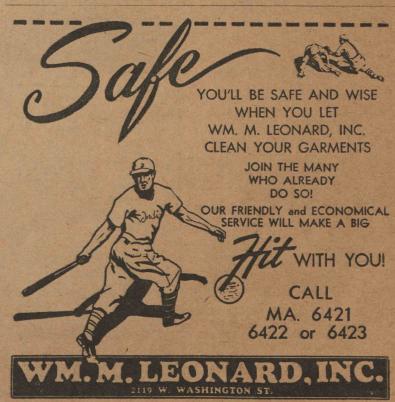
But to hell with all these statisto click to a new record this year. tics. It's PLAY BALL!

Peace-it's wonderful.

### FANCY CARD TRICKS



CARD HURLERS-St. Louis hurlers, left to right, are Ted Wilks, Max Surkonk, John Grodzicki, Ernie White and Howie Pollett.





FRANK M'CORMICK, the new first sacker for the Phillies, goes soar-ing without a glider at Miami

Beach, Fla., where the Blue Jays

trained for the coming baseball

(International)

ok Out, Below!



SOX SOCKER By Jack Sords



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THE VETERAN'S VOICE

# HIGH NUMBER VETS SHOWN UNEMPLOYED IN QUARTER FIGURES

Readjustment Pay

### **Unemployed Vets Double the Amount** Of Citizenry in Jobless Figures

If figures are any indication then there are almost twice as many veterans as other citizens unemployed in Indiana today.

ALMOST \$10,000,000 has been paid to veterans in Indiana during the first three months of 1946 in the form of \$20 a week read-

justment checks. Two and onehalf million dollars of that were paid out in the last two weeks Vets to Get Crack of March while all other unemployed citizens were getting approximately \$1,200,000 in the same At Jobs Uncovered 14 day period—or about half the In Indiana Drive

While it is impossible to estimate the total unemployed veterans in Indiana, these figues at jobs uncovered in the present seem to indicate that there are close to 60,000 without jobs. If this is true then it means that about 15% of the returning servicemen are not working at the at employers in an effort to fer- Anderson Area

This rise has been both rapid diana as an aid in the present and constant since V-J Day. In employment problem, the first thirteen weeks of 1946 checks were issued for \$9,642,991. This is three times as much money issued to veterans than for the entire 52 week period of 1945, when the total was \$2,800,000.

THE FINAL two weeks of March showed that more veterans were reemployed than ever before in history, and if the present trend continues a grand total of too early to determine results of place orders for workers. at least \$30,000,000 can be exthe initial drive, but the campaign pected to be the readjustment figwill be continued throughout the ure for veterans during 1946.

#### A Bunny Lassie



THIS IS the Miami, Fla., version of what the bathing cuties will wear at the annual Easter parade along the beach. This season tame rabbits will be taken along for seasonal atmosphere. Miss Shirley Modell is a model with an extra "L"—as anyone can see.

### Should Help

Soon after the lid was elamped on industrial building, another order followed last week permitting some home construction other than vet hous-

"This should help," said Mr. Albert O. Evans, head of CPA enforcement agency in Indiana. "These houses will be in the higher cost brackets and should make available some lower cost housing which will be in the price range of the major portion of veterans."

### Veterans are to get first crack state-wide drive for job registra-Are Jobless In

Records of United States employment service office show that these days. Joseph S. Johnston, which show that only one crippled there are 1,220 World War II vet- manager of the station, remem- veteran in five is getting placed erans, without re-employment bers vaguely what happened to in industry at the present time. rights, who are still jobless in vets of the last war. the Anderson area.

the state, and an additional 1,500 have been contacted by mail in THE JOBLESS service men inwhich the need for their cooper. clude 920 at Anderson, 143 at Elwood, 77 at Alexandria and 80 at Tipton. Robert Sloane, director SINCE the campaign was in- of veterans' employment, has gas." augurated late in March it is still made an appeal to employers to

Two thousand veterans with reemployment rights have been restate until the employment picturned to jobs at Delco-Remy and Guide Lamp plants.

### The Sign Speaks for Itself



Left to right, Joseph S. Johnston, Mgr., Ernest J. Pugh, and Alfred A. Pugh.

dends to several GIs at a north- ture openings. Mr. Johnston eviside Indianapolis filling station dently had in mind the statistics

book he decided to beat the sign, coworkers. tion to the punch by puttings, a sign to the effect that "W not selling apples. We're selling AVC Plan For Auto

extent that in the last three months the business trippled. Meets Setback Himself a vet from the European theatre, Mr. Johnston has a staff aid the disabled veteran met with composed entirely of veterans at failure last week. the station at 22nd and Capitol.

A bit of realism with some HE INTENDS TO keep it that smart advertising sense is the way and says that he will give combination that is paying divi- disabled vets first crack at all fu-

He is also putting into effect a TAKING A PAGE from the profit sharing plans for

# The idea caught on to such an For Legless Vets

An AVC supported program to

IT HAD BEEN the campaign of AVC to have the government present automobiles to veterans whose limbs had been amputated, but VA ruled last week that under existing law they could not do so. General Bradley handed down the information and Dr. Paul R. Hawley, VA medical director, concurred in the decision. AVC had appeared before VA and Congress in an effort to gather support for the measure.

Meanwhile in Chicago, the United Auto Workers Union (CIO) voted to buy three especially-built automobiles and present them to veterans' hospitals so that amputees could learn to

Come Hell Or High-Water?

tion, according to the Veterans'

THE CAMPAIGN is directed

Approximately 400 employers

have been reached by personal

contact by the 23 USES offices in

ret out every available job in In-

Division of USES.

ation was stressed.

ture improves.

## WATCH FOR THIS SUPREME COURT RULING

IS THE RETURNING VETERAN ENTITLED handed down a 2-1 decision in favor of the com-TO HIS OLD JOB BACK REGARDLESS OF WHOM HE DISPLACES?

That's the 64 dollar question facing the Supreme Court at the moment. Keep your eye peeled for a decision that should bemade sometime within the next thirty days.

THE "TEST CASE" INVOLVES Abraham Fishgold, a Brooklyn, N. Y., vet who was laid off his job while a man employed 13 days before Fishgold in 1941 was retained. Local courts ruled in favor of Fishgold, while the Circuit Court of Appeals millions of individuals.

pany.

Section 8 of the Selective Service Act enacted by Congress in a somewhat evasive manner says "the veteran shall have his old job, or a similar one." No mention as to prior rights was estab-

The Supreme Court has been handed the hot potato for final decision, and what the "nine old men" decide will be the employment concern of



# SPECIAL PRIVARY ED



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# WITH NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

There should be a high number of veterans voting in the primaries on May 7. If not, then it is their own fault, because absolutely no one has to be registered to vote in VOICE has taken an exclusive peep into this first peacetime primary held in Indiana.

In addition it is no longer necsesary to have lived in coming primaries in mind, members of the a precinct 30 days or to have lived six months in this state. staff sent a direct letter to every candidate

VET VOICE reporters this week obtained this information Executive Council from Edwin Steers, Sr., Republican member on the State Elec- To Hold Session tion Board. Any person can vote simply by filing an affidavit at the precinct when they cast their May 5 at Laporte ballot, stating that they live in that precinct area.

more persons are expected to trek held in LaPorte May 5 will be the almost disgraceful percentage of slightly more than 25 per the possibility of holding Town cent of the total population cash Meetings. primary ballot, (For more inprimary ballot, (For more inprimar

pointed out that persons wishing ship activties. to vote in the fall must be certain to register before then. In

Continued on Page 3)

Highlights of the forthcoming With this development, far Executive Council meeting to be Committee, and a discussion of

IN STATING the interpreta- in Indiana was represented. Other tion that the State Election Board business to come before the meethad placed on the law which had ing will be an analysis of the fibeen enacted in 1945, Mr. Steers nancial situation and member-

> The meeting will be called for 2:15 p. m. in the YMCA. All delegates are urged to attend.

below which everyone from pro-

Amendment No. 3 went even

price ceilings when production

figures on commodities equal the 1940-41 production figure. This failed completely to take into ac-

count that demand is much greater now than it was at that period.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 called for

the liquidation of subsidies on

agricultural products and to be

replaced by higher prices to ab-

sorb the differences. The Fifth

Amendment asked for removal

of all subsidies on meats after

June 30, 1946, and for necessary

adjustments to be made in meat

Not content with this action, the

House effectively gave OPA the

real knock-out blow in the final

amendment. This one protected

The Administrator cannot re-

duce wholesale markups before

the wholesale unit sales shall have reached the annual whole-

sale sales record of 1939-41 for a

the wholesale industry.

period of six months.

## VETERANS CAN VOTE IN PRIMARY STAND OF CONGRESS CANDIDATES THROUGHOUT INDIANA IS SECURED

Conducting an extensive survey, VET the political future of Indiana. With the seeking nomination for Congress throughout Hoosierdom and asked for specific replies on controversial questions of concern to every veteran.

THE NOMINEES were queried regarding their stand on (1) housing subsidies, (2) price ceilings on existing dwellings (3) OPA, (4) Fair Employment Practice Comto the polls than in 1944 when the formation of a Legislative mission, and (5) 65-cent minimum wage.

> REPLIES FROM approxmately 50 per cent of the nominees were received in time for this edition and appear elsewhere in VETERAN'S VOICE. They are provided

as a service in order that veterans may be more thoroughly informed when casting their ballots on Tuesday for men who if elected will be responsible for enacting important legislation in the critical readjustment period of the next two years. Generally speaking, the Democrats heard from lined up solidly behind the questions asked.

THERE WAS NOT a single dissenting vote cast by men of that party on any of the five questions. A few, however, did qualify their remarks. The Republicans, on the other hand, were sharply divided in their opinions on these questions, which if answered affimatively, follow the so-called "liberal" trend.

FOR INSTANCE, the Republican vote (Continued on Page 3)

### Ind. Representatives Play Part In House Massacre of OPA Rule

Seven Indiana representatives went against the wishes of the people they were to represent when on April 17 they voted for amendments which practically killed OPA. Despite the fact that almost 75% of the people of Indiana are shown to favor retention of OPA—with limited changes—Representatives Gillie, Grant, Halleck, Harness, Johnson, Springer, and Wilson turned a deaf ear to the pleas and joined in on the amend-

For instance, as a starter, the ducer to retailer can make a "rea-House flexed its muscles by vot- sonable profit." ing to reduce OPA control from 12 to 9 months. Amendment No. farther and called for removal of 2, was to the effect that no ceiling should be put on anything

ment benge.

#### No Sympathy

It was close, but the House decided there was no reason to offer sympathy to the American people for the way it was chopping up the administration-sponsored OPA bill last week.

THE HOUSE had been adopting amendments so fast that from sheer momentum the members shouted tentative approval when Representative Herman P. Kopplemann (Dem., Conn.), suggested a new section to the bill. It read: "We sympathize with the American people."

But before the amendment could be pasted in the bill, somebody demanded a standing vote and the amendment was rejected, 142 to 52.

THE AMERICAN VETERANS COMMITTEE,

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INDIANA STATE COUNCIL

Executive Offices: 305 Inland Bldg.

Indianapolis, Ind.

FR 5336

April 20, 1946

STATE OFFICERS

Dear Mr. Kissling:

SANFORD RAMSEY

BURTON RUBY

MARTIN L. LARNER The American Veterans Committee is a national organization of World War II veterans boasting such prominent members as Harold Stassen, Philip Willkie, Robert Allen, John Hersey, Bill Mauldin, Melvyn Douglas, and Ronald

We are proud of the fact that the chapters of Indiana were the first in the nation to band into a statewide organization. Although we are a comparatively new group we have already exerted influence far beyond our numbers because of the active interest we have displayed in the important issues of the day.

Our basic philosophy is, "Citizens first, veterans second," and we intend that to be the motivating concept in our

With that in mind we intend to take an active interest in the coming primary throughout the state. Issues -- not personalities -- will be our concern. Therefore in the next edition of The Veteran's Voice, official publication of the American Veterans Committee in Indiana, we intend to publish the stand taken by various candidates on specific issues about which we are seriously concerned.

We are asking that you give us a reply on these questions;

1. Do you favor a subsidy for erection of new houses?
2. Do you favor a price ceiling on the sale of dwellings now standing?
3. Do you favor OPA? -- If so, with what restrictions?
4. Are you in favor of FEPC?
5. Do you favor a 65¢ minimum wage bill?

An immediate reply to this inquiry will be sincerely appreciated as we would like to compile our survey by april 26th. Please address all correspondence in the following manner: The Veteran's Voice, att: Robert Long, Editor, 305 Inland Building, Indianapolis 4, Indiana.

Very Sincerely yours,

#### INTERESTING AND QUALIFYING ANSWERS BY CANDIDAT

ceilings off meats.)

In my opinion much of the un-

popularity of OPA could have

had been intelligent and in sym-

### SALE CEILING ON OLD HOUSES

Against Republicans \_\_\_ 6 ... 11 Democrats

ROBERT E. BROWN, INDIAN-APOLIS, (R) ELEVENTH DIS-TRICT: No. I do not favor placing a price ceiling on dwellings now standing. In my opinion, this SHOULD OPA would result in taking most existing properties off the market and would not solve the present housing shortage.

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Republicans 5 \_ 10

W. G. BOHNSTENGEL, EV-I favor a ceiling on all houses ANSVILLE, (R) EIGHTH DISerected after Dec. 7, 1941. I do TRICT: Positively not. After not believe that any ceiling should four years in Washington in rebe necessary on houses of an search work and inside of Govcient architecture. In other words, ernment I consider OPA one of Houses built with war profit mo- the poorest managed and admintive should not be above a rea- istered offices in the entire Gov. pathy with OPA objectives. ernment. I favor price control on certain items, but most assuredly not by hairbrained administrators such as are in charge of most should pass legislation establishing the formula for prices and and baggage.

> SAMUEL W. WOODSMALL, DISTRICT: Yes. It is necessary done to break the strike of pro. the end the raise in wages will to respect you, or hire you be- litical corruption in operation. ducers and manufacturers against not give the laboring man in cause you are a certain race, colprice ceilings of the OPA.

stores are being hoarded by the

### Alex Clark Republican Candidate for

Prosecuting Attorney MARION COUNTY

MARION COUNTY

Lifelong resident of Marion County
... Graduate of Shortridge
High School ... Attended DePauw University and received
LLB. from Indiana University
Law School ... Commenced
practice of law seven years ago.
During war served in England,
France, Belgium and Germany
under General Pattón ... Awarded the Purple Heart, Combat
Infantryman Badge, Silver Star
and Bronze Star ... Now en
gaged in active law practice.
ALEX CLARK ... Deputy
Prosecutor since 1941, serving in
both the Criminal Court and the
Municipal Courts at police station ... Practicing law in the
county, state and federal courts
... active worker for many
years in Republican party.
Secretary of Young Republicans
Organization of Marion County
1940-1941 ... Endorsed for Prosecuting Attorney by Marion County
Iy Republican Veterans Organization of World War II.

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sonable profit. The only fair way manufacturers awaiting the diswould be ceiling per room on all continuance of OPA. houses regardless of age.

(D) FIFTH DISTRICT: Yes. REPRESENTATIVE at the pres- farmer can get a good price for GUY R. COFFIN, MONTIbasis should be other than a "last tration. However, you cannot products. sale" basis.

FIRST DISTRICT: OPA should the Indianapolis Public Library individual, himself, must earn. be decided by referendum vote of for 20 cents an hour. That is a constituents.

TRICT: Yes. OPA must be extendpage for one year of all exports good rate at the time. of building material and clothing, of these materials to the general public. At the present time, great

government offices. Congress OF 65 CEN For Against throw OPA out the window, bag Republicans \_\_\_ 10 Democrats \_ 11 0 TERRE HAUTE, (R) SIXTH APOLIS, (R) ELEVENTH DIS. on any legislation of this nature. ford.

TRICT: No. In my opinion, this

WILLIAM W. WELSH, PERU, TON, (R) SEVENTH DISTRICT for the worker means that the industry.

raise wages without increasing produce at a loss. (Ed. note: Mr. The demand of CIO, and the if sound. Landis voted for every amend- "New Dealism philosophy," that ment of OPA in the recent House industry pay whatever they revote, including one which did not quest is ruining our country. Welpass which would have taken all fare of country, instead, depends upon full cooperation between WILLIAM W. WELSH, PERU, Labor and Management. In most (D) SEVENTH DISTRICT: I instances, in large metropolitan favor OPA without crippling areas, a minimum wage becomes Republicans \_\_\_\_ 4 amendments. However, I am not the maximum, and that is one Democrats in favor with its administration. thing we do not want.

# been avoided if its administration

For Against Republicans \_\_\_ 7 3 Democrats \_\_

PAUL E. TOMBAUGH, IN. homes to the co-operatives. DIANAPOLIS, (R) ELEVENTH DISTRICT: I will follow the Re- INGTON, (D) SEVENTH DISpublican party on that question. TRICT: Yes. Because it will make 3 However, I cannot imagine my- housing units available to veter-ROBERT E. BROWN, INDIAN. self agreeing with Senator Bilbo ans at near a cost they can af-

J. E. CAMPBELL, EVANScreased buying power. When I or, or creed. Respect and con- ANSVILLE (R) EIGHTH DIS-

I gained a knowledge of books is determined that the period of population a

JAMES E. NOLAND, BLOOM- sure full employment and max-INGTON, (D) SEVENTH DIS- imum production, and has no GERALD W. LANDIS, LIN-TRICT: Yes, because a high wage function in competitive peacetime

Price ceilings on dwellings now ent time: I favor OPA with some farm produce and the manufac CELLO, (R) SECOND DISstanding are necessary but the restrictions and decent adminis- turer can successfully sell their TRICT: I am not familiar with that section of the alphabet, but J. E. CAMPBELL, EVANS- wish the best for the veterans prices. Private enterprise will not VILLE, (R) EIGHTH DISTRICT: and will cooperate in their views

For Against \_\_11

WILLIAM W. WELSH, PERU (D) FIFTH DISTRICT: Yes, I am anxious to implement any housing legislation by providing for a co-operative method of building houses. Private enterprise is unable at this time to build houses ? within the price ceiling that most 4 people can pay. I also favor regulations limiting resale of such

JAMES E. NOLAND, BLOOM-

J. E. CAMPBELL, EVANS to prevent inflation and OPA is is an illusory benefit and will not VILLE, (R) EIGHTH DISTRICT: VILLE, (R) EIGHTH DISTRICT: operating paradoxically today, raise the standard of the laboring There is one basic philosophy No. During the chaotic period of We need law enforcement to pro- man. Price of consumer's goods which you might consider in your "New Dealism" we have seen tect our citizens against the black will have to be adjusted to the discussion with people and that pressure groups, sbsidies, coermarket and something should be minimum price for wages and in is that you cannot force people cion, and every other form of po-

W. G. BOHNSTENGEL, EV. J. E. SOLAN, HAMMOND, (R) was in high school I worked at fidence is something which the TRICT: No. I am unequivocably opposed to subsidies in any form ROBERT E. BROWN, INDIAN- for any purpose, for the reason poor wage. Had there been a APOLIS, (R) ELEVENTH DIS- that this is a form of taxation JOHN K. LUTZ, INDIANAP. minimum wage that work would TRICT: No. I favor continuance of the public at large for the OLIS, (D) ELEVENTH DIS. not have been done. In that work of FEPC until such time as it benefit of a certain section of that ed for at least one year, or chaotic and authors that was worth far war economy to peace time econ- lation for the benefit of any porconditions will prevail. The stop more than would have been a ony is completed. It was an ion of he population is not only emergency war measure to in- wrong, but is unconstitutional.

### exclusive of the armed forces will HERE IS WAY CANDIDATES VOTE IF ELECTED help to release the vast quantities

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Harry A. Lyon (D)	1			Y		Y
J. E. Sloan (R)	1	N	N		Y	Y
Guy R. Coffin (R)	2	Y	Y	Y		Y
Dr. Glen Warner (D)	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Gonas (D)	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
I. H. McCuddy (D)	. 4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
William Welsh (D)	5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James V. Kent, Jr. (D)	5	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ý
H. R. Fawcett (R)	.5	N	Y		Ý	Y
T. A. Sigler (D)	6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ý
Samuel W. Woodsmall (R)	6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wm. J. Powell (D)	7	Ŷ	Ÿ			Y
John Adams (D)	7					Y
James Noland (D)	7	Y	Y	Y		
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Eugene K. Linney, Sr. (R)	.8	N		Y	Y	Y
J. E. Campbell (R)	.8	N	N	N	N	N
Randall S. Harmon (R)	10	N	Y	Y	Y -	
John Lutz (D)	11	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
C. F. Hartling (D)	11				Y	
rern Norris (R)	11					Y
J. Edgar Burton (R)	11	Y	N	N	Y	Ÿ
Paul Tombaugh (R)	11		Y	Y		
Robert Brown (R)	11	N	N		N	N
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KEY: (Y) Yes. (N) No. If space is left blank then qualified remarks or is not familiar with issue. (\*) Re-running for nomination.

HOUSING SUBSIDIES reference to provision; similar to Patman bill proviso, to be granted builders, and intended to make a \$6,000 home possible. (Defeated in House. Reinstated in Senate). HOUSE SALE CEILING is another Patman bill provision, intending to place a ceiling on all houses now standing. (Defeated in both Houses.)

OPA CONTINUANCE. Without crippling amendments. (Defeated in House. Now before Senate for debate.)

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+ Yes - No ? Paired (No Vote)	Geo. Gillie (Republican)	Robert Grant (Republican)	Charles Halleck (Republican)	Forrest Harness (Republican)	Nobel Johnson (Republican)	Charles Lafollette (Republican)	Gerald Landis (Republican)	Louis Ludlow (Democrat)	Ray Madden (Democrat)	Ray Springer (Republican)	Earl Wilson (Republican)
Congressional District	4	3 .	2	5	6	8	- 7	11	1	10	9
Guam Naval Base (2-23-39)	_	_	-	_	_		-	_		-	?
Draft Extension (8-12-41)		-	-	- 1	_		<u>-</u>	_	_	_	-
Placing \$25,000 salary limit (4-20-43)	1	-	_		_	_	-	+	+	-	-
Anti-Poll Tax Bill (5-25-43)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Continuing Dies Committee (5-18-43)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		+	+
Reduced Funds For OPA Enforcement (6-18-43)	?	+	+	+	+	?	+		-	+	+
Roll Call On Soldier Vote (2-1-44)	-	-	-	-	-	+		_+_	+.	_	
Case Anti-Labor Bill	+	+	+	+	+		+			+	+
Patman Bill (Original Form) (3-46)	_	-	_	_	_	, +	_	+	+		-
Amendments Killing OPA (4-17-46)	+	+	+	+	+		+	-	_	+	?

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### **Congress Stand**

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on the subsidy question was FOR -4, AGAINST-8, with 8 qualifying their remarks. On OPA, however, the same party vote was FOR-5, AGAINST-4, and 5 undecided or indefinite.

On this particular question, Gergressmen who replied in time- state legislature. said "I favor OPA with some rebefore the session.

MOST OF THE Republicans marked in favor of FEPC and 65ment minimum wage, with J. E. Campbell, Evansville, Eighth district, and Robert Brown, Indianapolis, Eleventh District, voting in the negative on all questions.

Incidentally, about 40 per cent of all men who replied are World not support the leaders of the Re-War II veterans. Campbell, a veteran of both wars who is running for the seat to be vacated

seemed to indicate that Democrats on Thesday would probably pomi. on Tuesday would probably nominate Liberal candidates in almost Republican nomination appeared ity. wide open with conservative ele- O

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**AVC Member Quits Republican Race** Calling for New Party Leadership

An AVC member last week withdrew his nominatio only to the primary. from the Republican ticket in Indiana because he is "diametrically opposed to the views of much of the leadership, been needed for sometime since a both national and local," Walton Manning, member of contradiction was ever apparent. Indianapolis Chapter No. 1, but whose residenc eis listed ald Landis, Seventh District Re. in Muncie, Indiana, threw a bombshell into Delaware states that person must be regis-

publican representative in the County political circles by with-House and one of the two Con- drawing his candidacy for the hoods in an attempt to discredit

HE EXPLAINED his stand in strictions and decent administra. a lengthy advertisement in Muntion." In the recent crippling cie papers in which he stated di-House vote in Congress, he voted rectly "Too many of the key Refor every amendment presented publicans in this county resent solutely no proof at all to back ence over the general clauses of youth and new ideas."

He called for a return by the Republican party to the humble charity of Lincoln's time, "and which lived briefly with Wendell Willkie."

In withdrawing from the race, Mr. Manning said it was the "First time I have ever quit in my life. But if nominated I could publican party today."

In making his specific charges as Charles M. Lafollette seeks the about the reactionary leadership Senatorial nomination came out existing in the Republican party in denunciation of the AVC pol. today Mr. Manning pointed to the icy of "Citizens First, Veterans Republican stand on the Wyatt housing bill, and OPA, both of which were defeated by a con-

He said that "too many Repubevery district. The fight in the lican leaders are anti-some minor-

THE LOCAL FRONT, Mr. ments seeming to have a slight Manning said that "key Republicans are telling deliberate false-

### **Vets Can Vote**

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other words, this new law applies

Clarification of the ruling had

Section 45 of the election laws tered to vote. Section 85, however makes the provision for an affidavit, and states the procedure that he was being charged with more specifically. Since Section Communism because he belonged 85 was more specific in its wordto The American Veterans Coming, the Commission felt that its mittee," charges which had abprovisions should draw preced-Section 45.



me." He then went on to explain

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#### OUR EDITORIALS

Representatives

### Remember Action of Our Representatives in Times Gone By

Frankly, it's confusing. There was a time in times gone by when the politician made a play for the veteran's vote by giving out with legislation favoring the returning soldier. Some of the laws were good and were a definite help in aiding the veteran to readjust to civilian life. Others were bad using cheap political tricks to create a special priviledge group out of the ex-serviceman. These efforts were standard. They were as much a part of the routine as baby kissing and cigar hand-outs.

But things have changed. They don't do that anymore. As a matter of fact, they now safety-pin their re-election hopes on an entirely different set of breeches. Best indication of that is the recent action in our House of Representatives.

First, with the veteran in dire need of housing and a price ceiling on houses, three out of every four of our representatives voted against the very measures which would have made these things possible. But the way the bill stood when they got through with it, the only people it really helped were the realtors.

Then along came OPA. What happened? Well, for one thing the National Association of Manufacturers came out for complete abolition of all price control and was reported to have \$20,000,000 salted away to advertise the fact. Recent full page ads carrying their signature would seem to bear this

#### No Bonus

### State G.I. Bills Needed

The clamor for a state bonus to veterans is growing louder with some of the older veterans organizations carrying the ball this time. We thought it was a bad idea when the Democratic Party and the CIO-PAC first proposed it. It hasn't become any better in our eyes under the sponsor-

However, it's easy to criticize, and there is a definite place for some kind of state assistance to veterans who need it, so we respectfully submit the idea of an "Indiana GI Bill."

The idea was first advanced by the Cleveland chapter of AVC to help the state of Ohio spend its largest surplus in history. Fortunately, Indiana is also in the pleasant position of having spare cash on hand, \$31,139,322.92 of unappropriated surplus as of March 31st, to be exact.

Under this plan the state would augment the federal payment of living allowances under the education provisions of the GI Bill. The amount of unemployment compensation, and the amount of guaran-

On the other hand, veterans' groups throughout the nation, as well as the housewife, labor groups, white collar workers, and some farmers—people who really make up Note To The Politicians this nation of ours-showed as best they could how desperately they needed price

They didn't want it permanently. And they said so. But they did want it long served, "but it never forgets voters." enough to give this vast surge of economic happen again.

But what did Congress do? Almost 75 zing out of the OPA. In other words, they voted against the people they were elected to represent. Among the group were seven from Indiana.

in such a short period of time on such important issues which would be of very definite help to the people shows very definitely that they have their ear to the ground-but not on the sod that the people trod.

cry. We are fortunate to have a weapon FOR THE BUILDING OF HOMES. with which to fight. As veterans seeking a check the record of your Congressman between now and Tuesday, May 7, 1946. ...

teed loans. In addition, the state would

This plan distributes the benefits to it impossible for them to be passed those who actually need them rather than nomic usefulness of those veterans who could not achieve these without some help. A bonus, on the other hand, spread thin to cover 250,000 veterans, would not accomplish anything.

In a future edition of the "Veterans Voice" we shall print the plan in detail necessary under this plan.

fellow members and your friends. Perhaps you can suggest means for implementing the Indiana GI Bill. AVC should take the lead in this proposal. It is in keeping with our motto, "Citizens First-Veterans Second."

#### International

### We Need More Ration—And Less Hashin

Throughout the nation, and certainly in Indiana chapters, the American Veterans Committee has been quick to sense the need for a call to action to do something about the terrible food shortage facing starving people of other countries.

Soldiers who have seen the need first hand cannot soon forget. They see the issue clearly. Something must be done. As a matter of fact, even without the advantage of visual stimulus, all citizenry of America has enough humanity in its soul to want to do something about it.

But what do we really do? We drag out ur back fences and really go to town with at grand old American custom-TALK. e ask "every one to cooperate and go on a reduced diet for two days a week."

That's not the answer. It's a very fine,

idealistic concept. That's true. But it ain't human. People won't do it on an equal basis. And there will be no concerted action. By peace. the way, have you cut down to the minimum two days a week? See, it's not solving a doggone thing.

So let's face it. Let's go about it in an orderly, business-like, equal way. Therefore, we ask the government to once again set up a nation-wide food rationing program. Gallup polls show that the people of the U.S. would back such a system.

As a matter of fact, if given a chance, they've been shown to favor controls of ity of our Representatives.



### On The Coming Elections

"Congress may forget heroes," as one overseas reporter ob-

Two years ago, the Army and Navy brought us our ballotschaos, created by six years of war, a chance in England, in New Guinea, India and the Persian Gulf. We marked to subside. They saw what happened after them and hoped for the best. The Senators and Representatives the last war-and they didn't want it to were elected, and we got vague reports on laws they passed or

Then came victory and demobilization, and now we are home per cent of our Representatives voted for to see just what kind of men we elected. While we were in servthe amendments which take every bit of ice there was little we could do but watch. Now we can act. CON-GRESSMEN ARE MORE THAN CASUALLY INTERESTED IN WHAT 12,000,000 YOUNG CITIZENS WANT.

The GI's have demonstrated once their ability to speak up, Whatever the justice of their claims, all over the world, thousands of men in uniform joined in organized protests against demobiliza-This is not accidental. To happen twice tion schedules. They knew what they wanted.

> Now, they are citizens, and they are learning for the first time, some of them, the names of their representatives in Washington. They are being forced to learn.

Veterans need homes and there are none. The veterans found out how their elected officials voted on THE ISSUES DEFEAT-But once again—the wounded don't ING ESSENTIAL PARTS OF THE PATMAN BILL TO PROVIDE

Both Senator Bilbo and Representative Rankin are being opchance to readjust normally to become pro- posed in the next election by veterans of this war. New Orleans' ductive citizens once again, we ask you to powerful machine mayor was recently defeated by a returned serviceman. Approximately 75 veterans are now campaigning for national offices in primaries around the country.

> Veterans just beginning to take part in politics will undoubtedly make mistakes. We have no complete assurance that veterans will behave politically as "CITIZENS FIRST, VETERANS SEC-OND," as the American Veterans Committee slogan reads. But at least they will get off the side-lines and into the battle.

teed loans. In addition, the state would provide increased compensation for veterans who are hospitalized.

They will be active because they need thing; and they are being let down too often by those in power. They need jobs with opportunity, and they are getting unantitionment. They have seen cagy, selfish senators attach riders to minimum wage bills making

They need security, and they run the risk of getting inflation. broadcast as under a bonus plan. The They need homes and they are DEFEATED BY WELL-HEELED money spent in a state GI Bill would be a PRIVATE LOBBIES. And as they watch the issues develop they wise investment in the education and eco- see more clearly than ever before, the powerful influence these groups are having in shaping legislation that is not benefical to the things that the veteran believes in today.

> The thing we have been trying to say in a most involved manner is that the politician running for office in the primaries in a couple of weeks must be in a position to tell the returning veteran STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER what he stands for. He will then have to raise or fall upon those beliefs.

And that is as it should be. The veteran is not going to be with the exact provisions and the amounts fooled by a lot of SHOE-FLY PIE AND APPLE PAN DOWDY.

And why is this? There are a lot of reasons which have all In the meantime, talk it over with your done their share of influencing the hard-hitting, realistic reasoning of the veteran. He has had a lot of time to think, to see, and to

> Brand spanking new concepts that never before entered his head began to knock and demand that he let them in. Emotion, frustration, confusion, all of the by-products of war and regimentation have given the veteran an earnest desire to hear a spade called just exactly that.

He learned a lot about how not to live while in the military caste system, and he won't give up civilian liberties easily. He will take the responsibilities that go with those liberties more

He saw what war is, in Berlin and Hiroshima, at Anzio and Tarawa, and we will be working for a REAL INTERNATIONAL-ISM that can prevent any nation from ever again breaking the

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all kinds until this confused and frustrated State Executive Secretary ...... Arthur Zinkin, Jr. world of ours has a chance to get back to STATE OFFICERS: Martin L. Larner, Indianapolis, Chairnormal. In this regard, they seem to see man; Joe Kutch, Gary, Vice-Chairman; Burton B. Ruby, the issue far more clearly than the major- Michigan City, Treasurer; Sanford Ramsey, Indianapolis, Secretary.

# uest Voice:

#### Maurice Early, Indianapolis Star Columnist, Stresses The Veterans Responsibility In Coming Primaries

. Note: Mr. Early's column, The Day In Inis a daily feature of The Indianaolis Star. He ntly returned from an extensive trip throughout ith America with a group of Indianapolis busi-

Many G.I.'s are taking notice of politics this year for the first time. When they went off to the wars they were too young to bother about elections and candidates. So they may think there is something now in the criticism that "machine" politicians are making slates of candidates to be voted on in the primary election May 7.

THIS CRITICISM of the activity of the major political parties is only partly justified. If a few of the leaders did not use some judgment in directing the nomination of candidates the results might be worse than they are. If there is to be a finger of guilt directed, it should be aimed at the citizen who does not vote in the primary.

If there was a full turnout of the voters it would be extremely difficult for a few party leaders in a "smoke filled room" to make decisions about candidacies

This is all preliminary to the question I am asked to discuss in The Veteran's Voice—"why should the veteran vote in the primary and take an active interest in politics?"

Knowing the principles of the American Veterans Committee, I am discussing the veteran participating in politics, not as a veteran, but as a

VETERAN-CITIZENS, like a majority of other citizens, take this voting business too lightly. When they fail to vote they are guilty of a betrayal of the

democratic method. By their inaction they let a handful of men decide who will be their local officials and congressmen.

I do not mean to infer that the leaders of the party organization do not try to get good men to be candidates, but their conception of what is "good" might be far different than the expression by a large percentage of the citizens in the voting booths.

If history repeats itself in the primary election May 7, a big majority of the veterans, as well as all other citizens, will betray their duty.

Whe there is not a relatively full turnout of the voters of a party in the primary it is simple for the machine to control results except in rare instances.

WHEN THREE-FOURTHS of the voters decline to participate in the primary, the one-fourth that does the balloting consists chiefly of the organizaton crowd, their friends and the groups they control. By liberal expenditures the organization crowd can buy votes "legally." All that has to be done is to hire "workers to stand around the polls on election day.

Unfortunately elections are not always honest in the larger centers of population. There is not the least doubt that there are illegal practices to count in the candidates favored by those who have control of the election machinery in a primary.

The situation got so corrupt in the larger Indiana cities in recent years that a new system of counting was inaugurated. This is the central count. Precinct election officials are not permitted to open the ballot boxes and count the vote. Instead the ballots are taken to a central place where they are counted, supposedly under the watchful eye of interested candidates or their representatives. But even this system is subject to some manipulation when there is

IT WOULD be extremely difficult for any group to steal an election if there was a full participaton of the voters in the primary. A majority of election officials are honest, either because they are good citizens or because they fear detection and punish-

The cheating is done in isolated sections of the city. I have heard estimates that not to exceed onefourth of the precincts are manned by crooked

IN SPITE OF ALL THIS, and it should be well known to most adults, here is the record of voting in the primary elections. Political writers call it apathy. The record is sordid in spite of newspaper appeals for a big vote and efforts of civic organizations to bring the vote-rs generally to the polls.

These figures were compiled by the Indiana State "Let's Talk Politics." Two years ago there were 1,-967,858 voters registered in the state. In the primary May 2, 1944, only 466,382 voted for candidates for congressional nominations. That was slightly more than 23 per cent of the registered vote. That is bad.

BUT THIS WORSE. In the fall election in 1944 at a time when the nation was in a fateful period of the war, only 72 per cent of the eligible voters went to the polls in Indiana. The stay-at-homes, if they voted, could have changed the results.

Surely the veteran, who fought to defend the democratic way of life-a system of government that can exist only by active participation of the citizens -need no further arguments about the necessity of voting in the primary and keeping alert politically.

#### **About Washington**

Through the eyes of SENATOR WALDORF GROUSE

capably demonstrates both our political-economic backwardness and our moral uncertainty, to put it generously.

IN ONE PHASE of economics, production, we remain easily the greatest nation on earth. In the other vital phase, distribution, we remain in the position of fifth year high school student who has yet to become a sophomere.

Our standary of living is comparatively so high that foreign

visitors cannot help but gasp their amazement; and yet, when they realize our productive powers, they are once more stunned. This time by the millions of our citizens, who live in poverty and insecurity.

To move toward a solution of the problem of distribution in a system of free enterprise, we must do two things: 1) Pay optimum wages to labor to insure a good national market for the goods we produce and to raise the mass base of our standard of living; 2) Facilitate the international exchange of goods by removing trade barriers and by extending credits to nations.

THESE CREDITS are bound to be used in two ways beneficial to ourselves: 1) To buy raw materials and heavy machinery to establish or reeastablish the borrowers' industry, and 2) To then exchange goods she can produce more efficiently for goods we can South Bend produce more efficiently, thereby increasing our standard of living as well as her own.

Just as we have been painfully slow in understanding distributional economics, we have set a snail's pace in our political relationships with the rest of the world.

THIS IS A DYNAMIC world. Merely because we attained political leadership in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, we cannot rest on our laurels and live in past glory and expect other nations to look upon us with reverence or even respect in the twentieth century.

I am surely safe in assuming that few nations are impressed by Hooverian missions to nations on the fringe of Communism, offering food in exchange for a democratic form of government. The eyes of the world are too wise and experienced for that kind of game.

Granting credits to needy and deserving nations is something else again, for that is part of a policy of enlightened self-interest, an attitude which tends to gain respect in international circles.

sorely needed resources for and strengthening the nation wthout any shallowly concealed strings attached, while we gain the economic benefits set forth above as well as increased political stature as a result of a far-seeing policy.

This would mean granting credits not only to France and China and other nations which might be said to be on the fringe of communism, but to Great Britain and Russia, whose attitudes toward that political philosophy are well established.

This is a pragmatic world, as well as a dynamic one, and thus the political and economic relevancies have been given first place the ranks in Indiana to fight disin this discussion. However, this should not preclude mention of the moral point involved.

WE STILL PRIDE ouprselves upon being a religious people. Churches are crowded on Sunday, and even though we sometimes act in such a fashion to make pagans shudder on the other six days and even Sunday afternoon, we resent any slur upon our piousness.

Then what could be more clear than our moral obligation to nations which probably saved our freedom and certainly saved the lives of at least a million of our men Does not gratitude and our fight for a "permanent, effective obligation extend only to honeyed phrases of appreciation?

Does our conscience allow us to permit our wartime allies to set out additional aims which inexist in poverty now that they are no longer bearing arms to our cluded a campaign for complete advantage? Come now, Senators and citizens of America; we all religious and racial harmony,

PERSONALLY, I'll give you some inside dope. Grouse is chalk- and against giving atomic control ing up one vote in favor of the loan to Great Britain.

#### According To Figures

#### PEOPLE FAVOR RATIONING AS GOOD SOLUTION

(Editorial, Page Four)

GALLUP POLL figures last week showed that the American people were ready to act to solve The Congressional squabble over the loan to Great Britain the acute food shortage throughout the world. Five out of every eight people questioned stated that they favored a food rationing program in order to send food to people of other nations. THE REPLIES:

	T 62 T40	No Upinion
Overall figures:	59% 36%	
Men	53 41	6
Women		5
21-29 years		6
30-49 years	60 35	5
50 and over	57 37	6
Democrats		4
Republicans	55 39	6_

#### **Voluntary Food Cut Asked of All AVC** in Crisis

day" was suggested at a special to help them, democracy will reofficers meeting called by the ceive a fatal setback. We have Chapter, Joseph A. Baldoni.

their calories to 1,300 on one day the job and relieve their starving each week," Mr. Baldoni stated. bodies. B. J. GARMIRE, Treasurer of

the Chapter said: "Unless we can give the starving people of the liberated areas

#### **New Publication** Pledges Fight for Democratic Ideals

A new publication has joined crimination of minority groups. Entitled "The Counsellor," the publication is edited in Ft. Wayne under the joint sponsorship of AFL and CIO, by two veterans, Alton Levy and Paul Jacobs.

In its first edition on April 11, The Counsellor pledged itself to FEPC." In a lengthy, full page editorial the editors proceeded to against extension of the draft, to "army brass hats."

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#### SCRIBES SNAFU SOVIET VISIT

IT'S front page news when a Soviet official visits the men's room. When N. I. Feonov, Russian delegate to the Atlantic City UNRRA meeting left the room during a recent session, the nation's alert newspapermen immediately put the story on the wires with long-involved political interpretations.

WHEN he returned a few minutes later, Mr. Fenov was surprised at the furor his brief interlude had caused at the press table. "I did have to leave the room at one point during the session today, but that was for a purely personal reason and was not meant to job back," said Maj. Body. Pointing to a pile of corresponhave any significance. Any delegate may at some point have to dence on his desk, Maj. Body said, leave the room," he said.

Despite his explanation, Hearst's INS carried one-half column story on his "walk."

The NY Times used it in the third paragraph of a long, p 1 story, carried it in its headline.

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BELIEFS—See "Statement of Intentions" in another part of paper.

ACTION—"AVC did best job in Washington in fighting for housing for the veteran."-Drew Pearson, Washington Merry-Go-

#### CHAPTERS IN INDIANA-

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#### Vet Re-employment Problem Mounts In Indiana as More Disputes Arise

The number of veterans in Indiana fighting for re-employment is rising daily. This harsh fact was given to a VET VOICE reporter by Maj. Body, Selective Service official for Indiana in an interview this week. "It is absolutely true that more and more veterans are finding it tough to get their old

"That stack gets higher every day and I get only the tough nuts which can not becracked by local boards throughout the state."

At the present time there are 20 cases involving Indiana firms in the hands of U.S. District Attorneys who, if unable to settle out of court, will bring suit on behalf of the returning veteran while hundreds more are settled each month before they reach that stage.

Basis of the suit is Section 8 of the Selective Service Act enacted in 1940 which provides that the returning veteran is to get his old job back if it, or a similar Unethical Stand one, still exists.

BUT, as Maj. Body's testimony cases and is having to fight for this is true.

slowed to a walk because of In- munity. dustry-Labor disputes, and the namby-pamby legislation in the Selective Service Act created by Congress. Section 8 provided that the salesmen blasted NSLI as in-reasons we are calling your atthe veteran was to have his old ferior the chapter members voted tention to this matter first.' job back-period. (If they applied within 90 days).

seniority rights for that job. Asked to Aid in Right or wrong, congress passed NO STRINGS were attached to the buck to others for interpreation, with the result that many veterans are returning to ask for a job they held for a short time ed to Michigan on April 17 to get before induction and are coming information on the disabled vet into competition with persons re-employment problem. who had been employed before

But whatever the trouble, Maj. Body advises all veterans with touch with their local board of which there are 152 in Indiana.

at that level then it will be for the rising problem of placing diswarded to Indiana Headquarters. abled veterans in industry. At "But take that local step first," the moment it is reported that warns Maj. Body. "That's the only one out of every five disquickest way to get the trouble abled vet of War II have been ironed out."

#### Candidate

Norman Reeg, Republican candidate for LaPorte county sheriff, became a member of AVC's LaPorte chapter recently. A sergeant in the Marine corps, Reeg spent three years and nine months in a Jap prison camp, following capture on Wake Island.

#### LaPorte

# Hopping Mad Over

The LaPorte Chapter has tied it. There are many reasons why into the national service life insurance situation with about as Principal causes, however, ap- much vigor as they attacked the We realize that your relations pears to be that reconversion has housing shortage in their com- with the public, the maintenance

# **Indiana Industry Disabled Vet Jobs**

Indiana manufacturers journey-

APPROXIMATELY a dozen Hoosier industrialists attended a meeing sponsored by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, "employer headaches" to get in which was attended by representa-Ohio as well.

Held at the Percy Jones Gen-If the problem cannot be solved eral Hospital, the clinic dealt with able to find suitable employment.

#### Paging Rankin, Calling Bilbo

Herman Ross, candid Senator K. D. McKellar' opened his campaign at son, Tenn., with demands Negroes be returned to Afri

Ross, a Jackson attorney, vealed a 10-year plan which called for resettlement of all mature Negroes, including white people who have intermarried with them, in Africa, near the Negro republic of Liberia.

Also advocated by Ross was repeal of the 15th amendment. He failed to mention any proposed change to shove Mississippi boundaries farther north.

to send a letter to the LaPorte County Life Underwriters Association stating their reasons for objecting on the grounds that such statements were unetchical.

"The LaPorte Chapter of the AVC believes that the Underwriters Association should put their own house in order" read the letter. "We believe that if the Association exists to control the ethics of the business . . . they should enforce the ethics. of good faith in the eyes of the IRKED BY THE stand taken by public, are important to the life life insurance salesmen in which insurance business. For these

> THE CONFERENCE was de scribed as "a call to action," and the abilities of wounded veterans were demonstrated in an appeal designed to make industry conscious of the problem-and that such men are not necessarily seriously handicapped.

#### Women Expensive

The company doctor for the West Virginia Coal & Coke Co. charges a miner \$25 for delivering a baby boy and \$30 for a baby girl, Washington officials were told last week by Paul K. Reed, United Mine Workers international representative.

He said the reason for the ex discrimination was that the baby girl was not a future

#### "Marty" Larner, AVC Head, Urges Vote

To All AVC Members:

We of the AVC have taken on a major respon-

We all know it is the basic responsibility of every citizen to exercise his franchise. In the final analysis we can only demonstrate our beliefs and

our concern at the polls.

Therefore the manifest duty of every citizensibility. We write our congressmen, we meet every and especially every AVC member-is to acquaint issue squarely and state our position—we have himself with the issues and the candidates for dedicated ourselves to the principles of good citi- office, and to go'to the polls on primary day and express his opinion.

Martin L. Larner State Chairman, AVC

**Veterans Getting Building Priority By FHA Authority** 

for their own occupancy and also erence in homes selling for \$10,start construction on repairs and than \$80 a month.

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serve board of governors came out with fiures showing that production rose from a level of 153 percent of the 1935-39 era in February to 169 percent in March.

This was in retaliation to the claims of the National Association of Manufacturers. NAM, which is pleading for complete abolition of all controls, has been waging its fight principalliy on the point that OPA is hampering production.

THE NEW VETERAN By Charles G. Bolte MERIDIAN BOOK SHOP Lawrence Epps Hill Jr.

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### diana Moves For National Convention

eport from the nominating committee of chapter, names of five delegates to the 1 convention at Des Moines, Iowa, June were revealed.

ose nominated were Chris Hibbler, chairof the chapter; Harry Tucker, treasurer; Earl aire, vice chairman; Joseph Kutch, state vice airman; and George Catlin, Gary chapter member. Two alternates were nominated, but their names were not submitted for publication. Indianapolis . . . .

Calling a special meeting on Thursday, April

25, Indianapolis Chapter No. 1, selected seven 25, Indianapolis Chapter No. 1, selected seven delegates and a similar number of alternates to At Michigan City Is Placed on Joh attend the national convention.

end the national convention.

Those definitely elected were Phil Irwin, Jr., As Harrison Talks Training Program chapter chairman; Meyer Brown, secretary; Charles Feibelman, Irvin Larner, Arthur Zinkin, Jr., state executive secretary; Irv Katz, and Sanford Ramsey, state secretary.

tending should contact Chapter Headquarters,

Three members have volunteered to drive to founder, make the principal ad- Companion Companies organiza-Des Moines with more expected in order that dress on April 25, but the entire tion-Mutual Benefit Health and Indianapolis may be substantially represented at affair was covered by a Life mag. Accident Association, and United the convention. All members interested in at-azine photographer.

THIS BIT of top-notch pubzine, occurred when Michigan City town chapter" of AVC.

While Michigan City may be a AVC in 1943, spoke to the gather. he works as he trains. ing and called for the veterans "to quit living by a blue print."

WITH THE primary nominatry so the veteran can have a all. chance to run his own life. We stood alone in the fight for hous- the trainee will receive a diploma, ing and the passage of FEPC, and although we were tempor- knowledge for selling all forms arily beaten we now have a new of personal protection. lease on life. We are going to fight to the finish to aid our veterans in their fight to build a better America.

MEMBERS from throughout the state attended the function. Martin Larner, State Chairman, spoke briefly as did Arthur Zinkin, Jr., State Executive Secre-

Life Goes to Meet Insurance Outfit

To Michigan City members of The first insurance company in AVC, installation of officers is Indianapolis to receive Veterans quite a special thing. Not only Administration approval of the did Gil Harrison, national AVC new "on the job training" is the Benefit Life Insurance company.

THEIR PROGRAM, which began April first, provides trainees licity, which is expected to appear with a full year Taylor Health in an early edition of the maga- and Accident Course in the inwas selected as "the typical small basic principles of claim adjustsurance business, including the

The Taylor course is equivalent small town chapter, its attendance to college or university hours, and certainly didn't reflect it. More is approved in all universities. than 100 persons were on hand Under the plan, the trainee is asfor the colorful affair, and to hear sured a salary by the government, the words of Gil Harrison. Har. to which is added a rising scale rison, who was the originator of salary by the company for which

AT PRESENT, ten veterans are working successfully on this basis. In order to provide ample tions next Tuesday in mind, Har. time in the field, the course is rison said, "We must stop this split into regular schooling hours political stranglehold on the coun. during the week, totaling eight in

> At the completion of the course, and will have a good working



#### TOP JOCKEYS WHO WILL HAVE MOUNTS IN DERBY



AMONG the nation's top-ranking jockeys who will ride in the Kentucky Derby this year are, left to right, Eddie Arcaro, Johnny Adams, H. Woodhouse and Job Jessop. Arcaro has piloted three Derby winners. The four are pictured in New York.

BASEBALL :

Jackie Robinson waded through the puddles in the Montreal shower room, shaking hands with well wishers who were congratulating him on becoming the first Negro to break into modern organized baseball on April 18.

The 26-year-old second baseman didn't act as though he had done anything unusual. As he said just before the game he just did his best and let

His best was a three-run homer, three singles, two stolen bases, four runs batted in and a first day .800 batting average. Robinson was the key figure in the Royals' 14-1 slaughter of the Jersey City Giants.

BOWLING . .

At Milwaukee, Wis., last week the American Bowling Congress withdrew its sanction of the CIO bowling tournament, with 2,500 participants, when the CIO informed it that Negroes would

APPLICATION blanks had already been printed, with hundreds turned in, when the CIO committee was notified of the ABC action.

Dissatisfied with the ABC position, the CIO has lodged a formal protest with the national ABC.

No single white participant in the tournament has raised the slightest objection to bowling with Negroes, of whom there are about 30 out of the total number of contestants.

#### **Veterans Yearning** For Farm Can Get G.I. Bill Help

Veterans who dreamed of the "back to the earth" movement with opportunities to establish themselves with training assistance under the G.I. Bill of Rights now may foster that ambition.

HOWEVER, the means of accomplishing the ambition has little resemblance to the apprentice and on-the-job program in other vocations.

Those who apply for agricultural training in Indiana may be entitled to government subsidy while pursuing their vocation and may avail themselves of supervised instruction and training.

There are, however, some limitations under the present plan which is considered by some leaders to be inadequate. The program is essentially school training. Actual farm training is included as laboratory work.

VETERANS who wish to apply are referred to the office of the principal of the nearest high school offering a course in vocational agriculture.

If no such course is offered in the country, he is referred to the county superintendent of schools. Only communities which have George Deen Vocational Agriculture are privileged to participate.

#### STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS

We look forward toward becoming civilians; making a decent living, raising a family, and living in freedom from the threat of another war. But that is what most Americans wanted from the last war. They found that military victory does not automatically bring peace, jobs or freedom. To guarantee our interests, which are those of our country, we must work for what we want.

Therefore, we are associating ourselves with American men and women, regardless of race, creed, or color, who are serving with or who have been honorably discharged from our armed forces, merchant marine, or allied forces. When we are demobilized it will be up to all of us to decide what action can best further our aims.

These will include:

Adequate financial, medical, vocational and educational assistance for every veteran.

Adequate financial, medical, vocational and executive every veteran.

A job for every veteran, under a system of private enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture, and government work together to provide full employment and full production for the nation.

Thorough social and economic security.

Free speech, worship, assembly and ballot.
Disarmament of Germany and Japan and the elimination of the power of their militarist classes.

Active participation in the United Nations Organization to stop any threat of aggression and to promote social and economic measures which will remove the causes of war.

Establishment of an international veterans council for the further-

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#### AVC OFFICE NEEDS HELP—BAD!

A helping hand is still needed at State AVC Headquarters. As more chapters come into the fold, and national convention time draws close at hand, correspondence continues to mount. Frankly, our secretary is getting "wore to a frazzle" trying to keep up with it all.

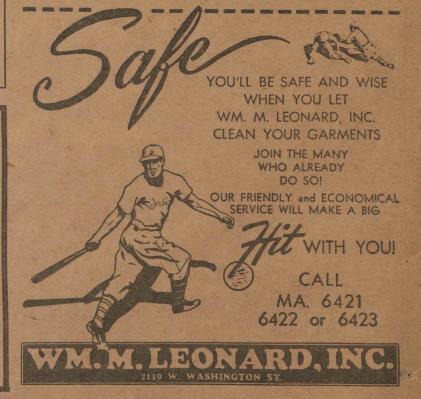
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LaPorte

#### Here's Lesson How to Get Housing From Chapter Licking the Problem

Although they are not in the moving-in stage as yet, reports from LaPorte, Indiana, paint an encouraging picture of an alleviated housing situation for at least part of the homeless veteran population of that 20,000 person city.

A chapter-appointed committee of three AVC members headed by Harold Barnhart, and including Norman Reeg

and Jack Evans, who believe that the wind-work of debate and res- miles from town, for \$400. The olutions don't put roofs over peo- other is a lot 80 by 100 feet fifple's heads, have gone to work on teen miles from town on a lake. the problem like a group of It can be had for \$230. American Veterans ought to.

FIRST THEY went to the city's planning commission, pleaded their case before the mayor, inability of materials to fill the needs, and then held an open meeting for the citizens of La-Porte to attend. When everybody knew just what they had in mind, plans.

of acreage, one a two-acre tract are scarce, though, and the prices on a county road three and a half are pretty high.

AFTER WEEKS of consideration, they decided to concentrate on pre-cut wood houses and convestigated the needs and the avail crete blocks. A local building contractor has gone throughout Indiana and neighboring states seeing about lumber availability and rounding up block makers.

They have secured promises the committee set to work to from basement digging concerns, put a foundation under their and they are looking for machines with which to make their Foundations require property, own blocks, in case they can't buy so they got option on two pieces them already made. Machines

Gary

#### Gary Turns Down Loan to Britain To Disagree With National Opinion

The Gary chapter doesn't string along with the policy established by National Planning Committee of AVC regarding the loan to Britain. At the April 22nd meeting of the forum led by Joseph Kutch, who

A VOTE ended in a 14 to 9 poll Indiana Has Part presented the case for the loan. go on record with the following statement, as quoted from their report of activities to the State headquarters:

"Resolution: Be it resolved that the Gary Chapter of the AVC is opposed to the proposed loan to Great Britain."

MEMBERS of the Gary chapter also voiced their desire to read lished in the "Bulletin" and to send in any suggestions for may be forwarded to the national You Going To Do With Your constitutional committee.

### against the loan. They therefore New Ohio Chapter Into AVC Fold

new Ohio chapter of AVC on fit of veterans, March 28, when Arthur Zinkin, Jr., Executive Secretary for Indiana journeyed to Painesville. Ohio, to present that chapter its charter in special ceremonies. the proposed constitution as pub-Representing national headquarchanges or additions so that they spoke on the subject, "What Are veteran." Charter?"

### **AVC Member Shows Need For World War II Organization**



WIBC radio listeners in Indianapolis at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 23, heard Arthur Zinkin, Jr., (at microphone) Executive Secretary of AVC, provide statements in the affirmative on the subject, "Is There A Need For A World War II Organization?" Directly behind Zinkin and supporting him in the discussion was Bill Stout. Extreme left is Earl Knightlinger, and extreme right is Vayne M. Armstrong, members of The American Legion, who denied the need in supporting the War I organization.

"Citizens First, Veterans Second"

#### **AVC Shows Need for a War II Outfit** In Radio Round-Table Discussions

Gary Chapter, the question of the loan was discussed in a "Citizens First, Veterans Second" made a lot of sound lis-The basic concept of the American Veterans Committee, tening at the weekly round table discussion presented Tuesday, April 23, over WIBC, Indianapolis, at 7:00 P.M. The principal topic under discussion on the half hour program was "Is There a Need for a World War II Veterans Organiza-

tion?" but the by-word of AVC

Arthur Zinkin, Jr., Executive Secretary of AVC, pointed this out in his opening statements on the program when he said "the veteran of this war more than ters in New York, Mr. Zinkin of being a citizen before he is a

store executive and a War II vet out that the Legion had always life."

kept coming back as the funda- who belongs to no organization, II veterans who had been at-Indiana breathed life into a mental reason for a War II out- supported this by pointing out tracted into the Legion. that "the veteran of this war is not interested in social organizations. He, rather, feels a responsibility to participate in his community problems."

> in any other has a new concept former vice-commander of The OPA. AVC has come out strong-American Legion and Earl Kight- ly for both since we believe that linger denied the need for a War they are necessary in helping the William Stout, department II outfit. Mr. Armstrong pointed veteran readjust to the civilian

rimarily and not community. He then pointed out how the National Economy Act of 1933 had been very detrimental to disabled vet-

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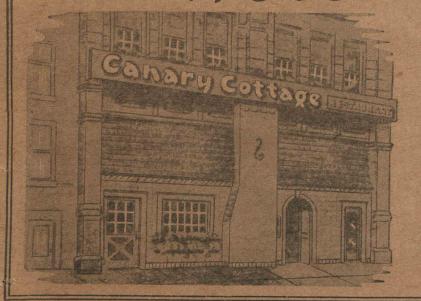
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Ar. Zinkin countered by saying if veterans of past wars had been sufficiently interested in their government and its problems such measures might never have been necessary.

AS THE SHOW neared its closethe Legion advocates emphasized the tremendous number of War

Mr. Zinkin, however, had the final say as he got just under the wire with the statement that the Legion "gave only belated support to the Patman Bill and VAYNE M. ARMSTRONG has not indicated any support for



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Canary Cottage

#### First Anniversary To Be Observed By South Bend AVC

South Bend AVC is laying plans to hold its first Annual Banquet on Thursday, May 13rd at the Oliver Hotel. It was one year ago, May 18th, 1945, that a group of veterans were called together by, the then Lieut., Bill Burke to apply for a Charter. Since that time the South Bead Chapter has grown to a membership of eighty-four.

South Bend was the first chapter in Indian to receive a charter and much of the future groundwork was laid through the efforts of Bill Burke.

Oliver Switzer was appointed Chairman of the Banquet Committee.

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## AVC In Tough Fight For OPA In Face Of High-Pressure From Nat'l Lobby Groups

Despite the fact that polls show that 75 per cent of the American people want OPA to continue, the American Veterans Committee is having a tough fight in trying to preserve it in the face of recent House action. AVC, the lone veterans organization carrying on the battle, has come face to face with a tremendous road block-a huge dollar sign. Back of the marker is the National Association of Manufacturers, who, it has been reported, has spent an estimated \$1,000,000 for newspaper advertising in the last month to defeat OPA.

Continues to Rise Throughout State

Indiana Employment Security Di-huge lobbies by NAM, but even new claims from unemployed vet- be well under that.) erans for the readjustment allow-

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ed in a recent issue that NAM supported your policies." was spending \$20,000,000. Sources we were quoting were also includ-Noble R. Shaw, director of the ing upkeep in Washington of vision, reported last week that so, the final figure will probably

But whatever the actual figure, ances provided by the G.I. Bill of IN FACT, a weekly newsletter, Rights, averaged 3,270 a week in states that NAM stepped up their the first two weeks in May. This advertising when they saw public was a slight rise over the April advertising was going to be harder opinion was going to be harder weekly average of 2 900 applicato shape than they had anticipat ed. "The original figure was to be at from \$200,000," says IN FACT, "but the Diotaling was later hiked to \$950,000.

THE PAPER states that the benefits, change in plans was necessary first two when NAM received protests from w that the Mississippi Press Association filed that "we print cartoons and other material you send out because we

SPEAKING before Congress, believe they represent what is Vet Unemployment NAM officials have come out for best for American enterprise. But abolition of all price control. (Ed. when you spend money you ignote. VET VOICE incorrectly stat- nore those who have voluntarily

> American Press Association also presents this letter and others to show the pressure brought by country weeklies to participate in the money advertising handout by NAM. "As a result," says APA,

#### More Evidence

This is the second consecutive issue that VET VOICE has reported evidence showing the work of well-heeled lobbies. Last issue we printed a "confidential" letter by Floyd G. Dana, president of the Chicago Realty Board, to realtors, which was considered ample evidence that he was considering them before the veteran and all other citizenry in the recent housing legislation battle.

"NAM started with 150 weeklies in the campaign, but added 1950 NAM." In addition to this big step their press service had "a potential readership of 69,000,000 per-

supplying material to 821 of the 900 radio stations in the U.S.

# D FALL ALMOST 15%

arding the continuance of OPA, the the Senate Banking and Currency Committee up IN FACT states that NAM evere given figures which showed graphically boasted in a recent report that of what can be done. that wages are going down while consumer prices are going up.

THE REPORT said earning, after taxes, increased in wartime manufacturing industries from \$26.37 to \$34.23 or 29.8 per cent for a worker with three dependents. Wages for single workers rose 17.4 per cent.

During the 10-month reconversion period, downgrading and overtime losses have brought wages down 13.8 AVC Raps Truman per cent since the war.

### Bloomington Vets For OPA

Editor. Veterans Voice 310 Liberty Building Indianapolis, Indiana DEAR SIR:

**Bloomington Chapter** American Veterans Committee

When we at the campus received the request from National in-chief has misused the Army of VC Headquarters to get behind OPA we jumped in feet first. We the U. S. by proposing that it first secured cooperation from the PTA, Union Council, and other organizations.

Signs were made and booths were erected in downtown Bloomington on Saturday, May 18. In less than 8 hours time, 5,000 signatures were secured supporting OPA, and Representative Gerald American people as the expres-Landis, of the 7th District was informed of that fact.

held in the City Hall which was attended by over 100 persons. Prin- for the oppression of labor at cipal speaker was the Indiana Director of OPA, in addition to home. Chapter Chairman Robert Quimby and member Quentin F. Burgess

st for AVC in this community

# ALL FIGURES were from the Bureau of Labor Sta- 'Draft-Labor' Idea As Prejudicial

The American Veterans Com-Indiana University er taking part in the fight against passage of the Case bill.

> THE AVC STATEMENT SAID: "The President and commanderfunction to impose involuntary and women of the U.S.

"The draft was accepted by the

"Hasty and ill-tempered legislation as recommended by the gress, will not achieve the purpose for which it was designed and can only result in unrest and

AVC ACTION

In response to the urgent pleas of national planning committee members and governmental officials, AVC members throughout the country either co-sponsored or participated in OPA rallies during the past few weeks. There were many ingenious ideas for bringing the issue to the attention of the people. As might be expected, the West Coast proved to be the most imaginative and fanciful. Here is a coast-to-coast swing showing AVC activity on

SAN FRANCISCO—Shouting deeper crises. . . write today for Ol en and children tied up downtown two hours. AVC members were joined of L. and CIO members in the parad rally at Civic Center. There, Attorney Kenney, candidate for governor of California, told the crowd, "We must tell our congressmen and politicians that if they are not in favor of OPA, then they are against you and me."

HOLLYWOOD-With less than two days notice from the NPC the Hollywood chapter conceived the bright idea, of hanging in effigy the six California congressmen who more. Each of the 2,100 papers re- were known to be against OPA. The stunt attracted con ceived four full page ads from siderable attention with the newspapers taking picture and giving it a spread. Their quick action is an example

DENVER-AVC members set up booths in the town district to collect signatures to petitions urgin They are also reported to be continuation of OPA. In addition, the members of fifteen minutes on the air to state their case.

> SAN ANTONIO-The real estate men, backed by the local papers, staged an anti-OPA day in San Antonio. Striking quickly in retaliation, AVC organized a "Save the OPA" day in the same week. They put out 60 booths throughout the city and held a mass rally in the same auditorium that the anti forces had used.

NEW ORLEANS—A mile of signatures to a petition for mittee blasted President Tru- keeping OPA in force was obtained. The booths set up for signatures staved up for two days with a net of 15,000 signatures. Interest ran so high that at times there was a line of people waiting to put their names to the petition.

CHICAGO-A long motorcade wound through the Loop with banners calling for the continuation of OPA on the servitude upon the working men sides of the cars. AVC members led the procession which was given a heavy play in the local press.

GARY-This Indiana chapter manned a booth on t sion of a free people to fight corner of Seventh and Broadway for three hours and AS A CLIMAX to the Saturday petitioning, an OPA rally was tyranny and not as an instrument lected 800 signatures. If rain had not interfered with t plans, the AVC members in Gary say they would come close to 5,000 signatures.

NEWARK-It was apple day in Newark. Signs We considered the affair highly successful, and was a big President, if enacted by the Con-tising apples for sale at \$6.43 apiece, the price if O removed, punched home the point to the Newark These booths were stationed on Newark's busiest in

#### **OUR EDITORIALS**

Labor:

#### "What Kind of Labor Legislation?"

In the past few weeks the clamor for some kind of legislation to restrict the right of labor to strike has reached a new crescendo. Given impetus by the miner strike and the walkout of the railway brotherhoods, the Senate has the House version of the Case bill added teeth. To old-time friends of labor the wailing of a reactionary Congress about "labor responsibility" is an old and nasty song . . . and they quickly rise to discredit the motives behind these recent moves.

They reason that labor's rights were too hard come by to relinquish without a struggle and that it is only the labor haters who are wicked enough to want to punish the whole of labor for the sins of John L. Lewis, and the Messrs. Whitney and Johnson.

They reason well, but they overlook one thing. For the first time, the men in Congress who have long wanted to stab labor are now backed by the resentment of millions of Americans directed toward the above-named gentlemen. Congress now claims it has a mandate from the people "to put labor in its place" and well they might.

This being the case, the real friends of labor must now adopt a different attitude consistent with real politik. We are going to have labor legislation. Therefore we who feel that what is good for labor is good for America must anticipate the demands of be people and come forth with a proposal strict labors'/right to sin against emasculating its ac-

This is no easy task nor will it be accomplished at one try, but it is better that we direct our thoughts along these lines rather than to allow the National Associaof bill.

Let us take stock of the present situabargain collectively.

For example, let us publicly admit the represent the workers and in the mean-LIBERALISM IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. time holds up production.

in disputes involving public utilities and Congress, "You may place these restrictions SENATE. on labor with the provision that such reployment practices commission shall have chairman of the party. been passed.

Congress to itself to recognize a basic against the yardstick of liberalism. wrong that exists that is even more disasleaders.



By ARTHUR ZINKIN, JR.

For months the politically astute have had their eyes tion of Manufacturers to write their kind glued on June 13 and the Republican State Convention for some clue to the direction the party is going to take. When Carol Reece was appointed chairman of the National tion, admit the mistakes of labor, and de- Committee there was much consternation among the supfend bravely its right to organize and to porters of Wendell Willkie and Harold Stassen because of Reece's conservative record.

BUT STASSEN HAS CONTINUED TO GAIN IN POPUstupidity of jurisdictional strikes where one LARITY SINCE THAT TIME AND INDIANA WILL BE union vies with another for the right to A CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF THE STRENGTH OF

Veterans in particular are interested. According to the Let us go further and admit that there 1944 election results, the majority of GIs favored Rooseshould be compulsory arbitration . . . bind- velt. Recent polls show that Truman has not held on to ing on both labor and management . . . that support. Will the Republicans make a bid for it?

AS THE PARTY IN POWER WITH PATRONAGE TO transportation. Let us back Congress in HAND OUT, THE HEADS OF THE REPUBLICAN doing these things, and then put one great PARTY IN INDIANA CAN DICTATE TO THE CONVENbig "but" after them. . . . Let us say to the TION THE CANDIDATE FOR THE UNITED STATES

Governor Gates and his cohorts have already been acstrictions shall go into effect only when cused of attempting to control the delegates to insure the legislation setting up a permanent fair em- nomination of William Jenner, until recently the state

The Governor has issued public assurance that the This is a perfectly legal device for Con- delegates will be free to choose as their conscience dicgress to adopt for which there is historic tates. Let's take a brief look at the men who have come precedent and it is, in effect, an order of out as candidates for the nomination and measure them

THE PRESENT INCUMBENT, RAYMOND WILLIS OF trous to our attitude on labor than are the ANGOLA, "Old Rumble-Bumble" as "Life" magazine high-handed methods of a couple of labor termed him, is an honest, thoroughly likeable, slow witted conservative. His voting record is in the tradition of Herbert Hoover and Alf Landon. I am re he was emba rassed by the endorsement of Ger week, although at the time of writing opportunity to disavow the support fascist. BY NO STRETCH OF THE THE MOST HIGHLY TOUTED

that status to advantage. to inform the people of hi you are a candidate for public office ING AN AVOWED CANDIDATE. KNOWN TO OPPOSE OPA. OUTS LITTLE IS KNOWN OF HIS THINKING. solid ground to criticize and to ask for a change support of the machine which is presently in a very nasty liquor situation. Mr. Jenner was state chair-Any criticism by anyone before then, however, man when the deal to put county chairmen in charge of

It has been rumored that his family is engaged in the liquor business and that his campaign manager has profited handsomely from a distributorship handed to him by the

THE THIRD AVOWED CANDIDATE IS CHARLES M. sources that I believe can be spree of the truth, he could stand LA FOLLETTE, the present Representative in Congress trusted and from what I actually outside the Central Office build- from the Eighth Indiana District. The party's attitude started to enter, 'Sorry, you're toward LaFollette is very indicative. He is a strong vote wasting your time,' and after getter. Having turned a 20,000 Democratic majority into was as completely no good as one they had been cleared away he a 10,000 Republican victory in his own district. If the party feared for a moment that they would have trouble in carrying the state, Mr. LaFollette would be the favored man, in your readers might be interested spite of the fact that he has antagonized many of the in reading a little uncensored party leaders by his outspoken criticism of reactionary thought of General Bradley; well, when he was the Administrator; comment about an organization tendencies. HIS VOTING RECORD IS AN EXAMPLE OF CONSISTENT LIBERALISM, SO CONSISTENT THAT HE HAS SELDOM VOTED WITH HIS OWN PARTY This is the cardinal sin in party politics and with some justification.

> LaFollette has entered the race to test the issue of Veterans Voice is the of- whether the Republican party can capture the liberal vote ficial publication of the Indi- set free and uncaptured by the death of Roosevelt. At ana State Council of The present his chances for nomination are slim indeed American Veterans Commit-HE IS A LIBERAL WHO REFUSES TO STAND STILL tee. Offices are located at FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF TAFT, WHERRY, ETC.

The liberal vote will go somewhere, because liberals are State Chairman, Martin L. man diligent about voting than those with less concern for issues. At present ting it seems certain that the Publican party REGRET IT?

#### Produce For Vet

everal weeks ago, VET VOICE ran an editorial in support of the Veterans Administration as it went about the difficult task of finding a place to live. The job was made tougher for this agency because of what our editorial termed, "selfish business interests," who inhabited the Century Building, the structure coming closest to filling the needs of State Headquarters of VA in Indianapolis.

These establishments had banded together and sked Representative Louis Ludlow to intercede or them. They were objecting because of an aderstandable motive. They didn't want to move

Ludlow promised to speak for them, but he must have whispered quietly in a subdued monobecause the owner recently sold the building for an immediate occupancy.

o now, VA has been forced to spread its roughout Indianapolis in crowded, highly surroundings.

This latest development, however, gives it another—and most important tool—with which to do HOWEVER, COULD MR. WILLIS the job for the half million Indiana servicemen. LIBERAL. It will be possible to place all offices under one roof. As a result they should now have unity of LIAM JENNER. Mr. Jenner

When the new machinery gets in motion, innumerable excuses resulting from poor liaison cannot be tolerated. As the present backlog is the day. This is not cons slowly cleared away, these additional implements of keeping the people fully informed must result in quicker, more efficient service for the veteran as he files his application for education, training, of the countliess other benefits to which he may be entitled.

If this does not happen, then we will be on in leadership.

comes under the heading of an unjustified, pre- distributing liquor licenses was made. mature, stupid slap well below the navel.

### Letters to The Ed

Lowdown On VA Dear Editor:

Recently I received a letter trying to do a good job. from an AVC buddy of mine who is now working for the Veteran's Gen. Bradley and the AVC.

of course, I really know as little and I think the reorganization of that plays a big part in their imof him as I did of General Mac- V.A. is a sensible plan. Arthur this time last year, but The big trouble is that Hines

I gather this General Hines Administration in Washington, can become without being a could start on the Jews. D. C. I believe you might be in- Southern Democrat and a memested in his comments on VA, ber of Congress at the same time, and Bradley has done much to "You were asking what I change the way things were run

from what I have heard from is gone but his henchmen are all

still very much in power and Bradley will never accomplish much until he gets them out. If party in Shelbyville. anyone wanted to indulge in a

I'm passing this along to you because I think a good many of mediate future.

Very truly yours, FRED E. COX

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### Milwaukee Passes FEPC Legislation

MILWAUKEE - (FP) - Determined pressure has forced the Milwaukee common council to pass a fair employment practices crdiin the country to cutlaw job diserimination. Chicago was the first

crimination because of race, color eralizations as: or creed. It was passed only after some 200 Milwaukee citizens went languishing, and forced an open hearing.

ORGANIZATIONS leading the Council, Wisconsin Conference on Social Legislation, 1st Methodist serious race problem. Church, Catholic Knights of Wis-Advancement of Colored People, not yet produced eminence and

Intolerance Poops

### Denver University Textbooks **Preaches Race Superiority**

DENVER-(FP)-A zoology textbook steeped in the nance, making it the second city racial superiority doctrines of Adolf Hitler is being used in classes at the University of Denver. Written by Prof. L. L. The ordinance cails for a fine of Burlingame of Stanford University in 1940, the book, \$10 or five days in jail for dis- Heredity and Social Problems, makes such scholarly gen-

Negro race appears to be dis- ious dependent classes. They to a meeting of the judiciary com- tinctly inferior to that of the work cheaply, aggravate labor mittee, in whose hands the bill was white . . . in proportion to their troubles and impose heavy tax number, Negroes contribute far burdens." too few persons of high ability and far too many who are below FEPC fight included the ZIO normal or deficient in ability. Mexicans present the second most

consin, National Association for tinctly low mental caliber, have convenient solution for popula-

"The average intelligence of the do not contribute heavily to var-

THE WRITER proposes sterilizing Negroes and finds a reduction of 50% in the birth rate of the lower social strata desirable. War is looked on indulgently by They are apparently of dis- Burlingame, who considers it a tion excesses among the "socially incompetent."

> Protest against use of the textbook brought the reply from Dr. Humphrey G. Owen, head of the zoology department, that only the first half of the book was used.

Owen admitted that no attempt was made to warn students of the dangerous race superiority conclusions of the book and said he saw no way to prevent students from continuing their ind. study of the latter half.

## **About Washington**

BY HARRY GOTTLIEB, JR. (Former Editor, Veteran's Voice

I hereby lend one more small voice to the widespread approval of the speech delivered by Secretary of States James Byrnes two weeks ago, when he reported in detail to the nation about the meet-

ing of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in Paris. Fortunately for this nation it is Byrnes who guides our foreign policy and not the reporters and editorial writers who, in commenting upon the speech, emphasized only the disagreements with Russia and our determination not to back down from our own stated posi-

THE HEART OF THE speech, the part which this writer be-THE HEART OF THE speech, the part which this writer be-lieves made it a great speech, was in the following paragraphs, School Servicemen buried deep in the text of the speech, and rarely mentioned in the dispatches and editorials:

"The situation which we will face in the coming months will there will be in the future many occasions which might impel us to say as we did after the last war that, much as we would like to operate in the reste stion of Europe, cooperation is impossible our principles and that we must be content or of the Indiana Department of the straight of the says william C. Stalnaker, the same of the says william C. Stalnaker, are own hemisphere.

get that if we fail to cooperate in a peace may again find that we will have to cooperis worldwide. Whether we like it or not, we

us would have been more comfortable had ve the matter there. Instead, he went on up to the American people:

we cannot cooperate without sacrig to play our part we must take the offensive for war.

those of war, require sacrifice, nciple. They require faith in ourselves and nitiative, resourcefulness, and unrelenting curtain that the aggregate sentiments of

delegation at Paris did not hesitate to start the

peace."
Let meant to be an apology for Russian foreign policy. To date the Russians, as well as the British and ourselves, have shown less than the greatest concern for lasting world peace, and tided over their personal finanwe know that ALL of the Big Three must cooperate fully if the peace we desire is to be achieved.

BUT HOW are we best to bring forth this necessary cooperation from our allies? We cannot do it by waving an atomic bomb under first state in the country to take our friends' noses, even though we may smile when doing so, nor can we do it by applauding Churchillian utterances designed, apparently, to divide the Big Three into blocs; neither can we do it by asking or demanding that other nations back down from certain extreme proposals when we offer nothing in return.

Byrnes has given us a good start toward formulating a real United States foreign policy based upon enlightened self-interest and firmness.

Now it is up to us, the citizens of the United States, and especially veterans of World War II, to support every effort toward international cooperation. We will be letting Mr. Byrnes down badly if we say, as much of the press seems to want us to say, "The next move is up to the Russians. Let's sit back and see what happens."

Remember that the American people had much to do with the failure to bring about lasting peace after World War I. Our representatives in Congress were complacently allowed to order our withdrawal from the international scene.

We still have the atom bomb to contend with. As long as we belligerently hold on to the "secret," the bomb can justifiably be regarded by any other nation as a threat to its security. (How secure for example, would we feel if Argentina was known to possess large quantities of rocket-propelled death rays?) We still have plenty of odds and ends in our own democracy to put in order before we can effectively ask the world to look to us as the example of practical

THE WORLD WOULD gain much if the other three participants at the Big Four meeting in Paris would make statements similar to the one made by Secretary Byrnes last Monday. People of all nations should be permitted to read and try to understand the point of view of other nations as well as our own (press services please

Remind this writer to spell the word "World" with a capital "W" henceforth; for the World is now a community of nations to which we owe our allegiance, just as much as we owe it to Terre Haute or Indiana or the United States.

# Return State Loan

Veterans are a good credit risk, says William C. Stalnaker, director of the Indiana Department of

FOURTEEN MORE ex-servicemen on the campus at Indiana University today repaid a total of \$1,175 to the State of Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs, which had originally advanced them the money through the State's emergency veterans' educational assistance project.

The project was set up a month ago to assist Hoosier GI's in Hoosier colleges when their federal educational subsistence checks were tardy in arriving. More than 18 Indiana Institutions of higher learning have joined the program, and several hundred former GI's on Hoosier campuses have been

THE STATE OF Indiana is the such prompt action.

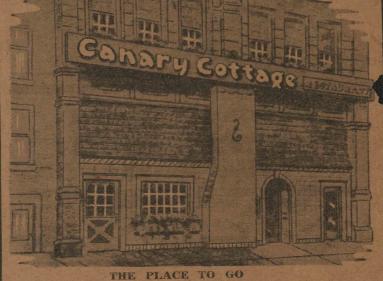
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#### Indianapolis Chapter Goes Social With Picnic to Open Summer Session

The first large social undertaking by the American Veterans Committee in Indianapolis will occur Sunday, June 9, when Indianapolis Chapter No. 1 holds a picnic at Riverside Picnic Park, located at 30th Street and White River brated its First Annual Banquet

Every AVC member throughout Indiana is invited to Bend was represented by Police

attend, and all present G.I.s and veterans are also invited as the Indianapolis Chapter goes about the business of making its first social venture a gigantic one.

FESTIVITIES are slated to get under way at 11 a. m. with a highlight being a softball game between married and single men. Persons attending are requested to bring their own food, but ice will be available at the picnic for beer and cokes that persons attending might bring.

Incidentally, prizes of beer-a precious commodity these daysare being offered to persons attending. Phil Irwin, Jr., Chapter chairman, has announced that a case of beer will be awarded to the AVCer bringing the most new members. One half a case will be given to the member bringing the most G.I.s, while another half case will go to the person holding a lucky ticket given for free to all persons in attendance.

IRWIN URGES ALL members to bring their families in addition AVC Leads "Win Peace" to prospective members and G.I.s time once again-11:00 a.m., next Indianapolis.

#### **Gary Asks Boot to** Franco in Request For U. S. Action

AT A REGULAR MEETING on on May 1, members of the Gary chapter voted to send the following resolution to National Headquarters on the Franco-U. N.

". . . that the United States government and the State Department instruct the American delegate to the United Nations Security Council to give full support to all measures of economic sanctions, breaking of diplomatic relations, and quarantine of Franco. And that the State Department and the American delegate to U. N. support the Spanish Republican government-in-exile, and that no effort be made to hush the issue by pigeonholing it in a fact finding committee, and that whatever steps are taken by the U. N. the United States break with Franco Spain in order to secure the peace of our country."

#### Call Them Brother

The American Veterans Committee acquired a readymade chapter of two hundred when all the ex-GIs in the cast of "Call Me Mister" joined in a body at a ceremony held on the stage of the theatre in New York.

"Call Me Mister" is a lively musical currently wowing them on Broadway which is wound around the theme of the discharged soldier. AVC member, Producer Melvyn Douglas has a real hit on his hands and AVC has a new chapter which promises to be in existence a long, long, time.

Anyone want to tackle the cast of "Star and Garter"?

### First Anniversary Of South Bend AVC Great Success

The South Bend Chapter celeon Thursday, May 23, at the Chief Everett, since Dempsey is in Switzerland. Representatives from Mishawaka and Notre Dame University were also present.

Indiana state officer of AVC

was represented in the person of State Chairman Martin Larner who made the opening address, He was followed by F. C. Hubbard who introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Richard Meyers, chairman of Chicago Chapter No. 1.

DICK launched into the purposes of AVC. South Bend has had the privilege of hearing several persons speak about AVC, but South Bend members considered Meyer's address to be the top performance to date.

Business firms of the city were contacted and invited to send a representative, and while the response who to overwhelming, it was heart log.

# in order to make the picnic a tremendous success. Remember the Member Becomes Nat'l Gr

The American Veterans Committee la Sunday, June 9, Riverside Park, ing veterans group doing something to

> COL. EVANS CARLSON, AL Carlson's Raiders, was appointed head a committee on activities ference held in Washington.

Present at the conference in addition to The American Veterans Committee were, among others, The Nat'l Farmers Union, Carlson will

#### Go Against Spain

One of the first moves of the Win The Peace organization was to frame a letter requesting a break with Spain. This was given to U. S. Delegate Edward R. Stettinius at the United Nations Security Council, by Paul Robeson, co-chairman of the conference last week.

The letter in part said, "In the name of common decency and in loyalty to the practical democratic idealism in which we as a nation profess to believe, we urge that you act now to deny all aid and comfort to fascist Spain.

Federation of American Sciention of those interests. diplomatic and economic relations tists who figured prominently in development of the atomic bomb, Nat'l Negro Congress, Nat'l Law- South Bend Head

Confere THE C

members of the cor was attended by 700 the above group.

The conference declaration of principles passed by the delegates from 27 states calls for: unity of the big three; friendship among all the United Nations; destruction of all vestiges of fascism abroad; self-government without outside interference for all colonial peoples and the new European democracies; custody of atomic energy, including bombs, by the UNO security council; withdrawal of American troops from all friendly lands; and extension of full democracy to all Americans.

Col. Carlson's job begins immediately as his committee will be responsible for active promo-

# On Radio Show

Joseph Baldoni, Chairman o. the South Bend Chapter, talked about the aims and purposes of AVC over WSBT Tuesday night. May 21st. This talk was the longest time the South Bend Chapter has had an opportunity to present its case to a listening audience since the program "Destination Home" went off the air in June. 1945.

Mr. Paul Gilbert of the Gilbert Clothing Company sponsored the program on which Joe talked.



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Charles Bolte, National AVC Head, Pays Quick Visit to State Meeting

With Directness In Question Session

State Headquarters of AVC played host to the top man of the American Veterans Committee, Sunday, May 12, when Charles G. Bolte paid a hurried call to Indiana.

Mr. Bolte, national chairman of AVC, stopped in Indianapolis on his way to Chicago, and spent Sunday afternoon answering the barrage of questions tossed in his direction at the Executive Con mittee sessi m; which wa

ns that are of particular est to AVC members.

VC memb

Members who had long been interested in the proper growth of AVC, asked Mr. Bolte his opinion on membership, stands on issues both nationally and locally, expected trends at the national convention to be cheld in June, what our future appeared to be, and numerous other questions that could best be answered by a person in Mr. Bolte's position.

MR. BOLTE, a six-footer who outspoken in his replies.

Prior to the question session,

Impresses Gathering VISITS STATE



CHARLES G. BOLTE

Veteran," as well as his weekly column in the New York Herald Tribune, made an informal talk regarding the progress in Indiana.

He said, "We're mighty proud lost a leg while serving in Africa in New York of the activity in with British forces in the early Indiana. Whenever other states days of the war, handled each contemplate formation of a statequestion that was fired at him in wide organization we point to Ina capable manner, and was quite diana-the first state to formas the model."

While in Indianapolis Bolte Bolte, who is well known nation- stayed with his cousin, Charles ally for his best seller, "The New G. Bolte, at Noblesville.

### State Hqs. Moves To New Location For Expansion

ent offices at 107 S. Capitol, Room month." 310, Indianapolis. The new suite Mr. Larner also urges that medium sized meetings of AVC which is Indianapolis 4, Indiana.

members when necessary, or desired.

"It is well that we are able to locate in such a fortunate spot," out the subsidy and "last sale" The Indiana State Council Head. pansion due immediately followquarters has moved into perman. ing the national convention next

offers ample space for the offices every chapter change their mail- possible. of the executive secretary, and ing address for headquarters, the Veteran's Voice editorial office using the above address, with the as well, with room left over for correct postal zone number, last ditch fight the bill was passed

Vet Voice Requests Member Action on G.I. Bill To Replace Bonus Proposal From State Funds

(It's On Page Three)

VETERANS VOICE has a plan designed to bring the basic concept of AVC, "Citizens First, Veterans Second" close to home.

While other veterans organizations are plumping for a state bonus to relieve Indiana of its record surplus, VET VOICE this week presents a proposed state G. I. Bill for approval by Hoosier members of The American Veterans Committee.

If approved, it is the intention of the VOICE to push for enactment of such a bill at the next session of the State

Personal Touch

### Plymouth Chapter Presents Charter Request to Bolte

THE NEW PLYMOUTH, Indiana, chapter was given an auspiscious start. George Winder, temporary chairman, and founder of principal planks calls for 15% the chapter, submitted the charter application in the presence more financial aid to veterans in of the entire group assembled for the executive committee meeting colleges. This has been one of in World War Memorial building, into the hands of our national chairman, Charles G. Bolte.

With the formation of this chapter, member organizations of the Indiana State Council now number twelve. This provides AVC with a strong force in northern Indiana—the southernmost chapter being located in Bloomington, slightly below the center of the state.

RECOGNITION for the organization of the Plymouth AVC Chapter goes to George Winder, originally a member-at-large, who laid the groundwork singlehanded, and signed up a group of eleven charter members.

### We May Get Some Housing as House Is Forced to Give O.K. on Subsidy

The Patman Bill, the legislation needed to begin construction on 2,700,000 houses in two years, finally is about to go into action. This the main bugaboos for financially follows a two-month old battle which terminated when the House harrassed students. Added help passed a compromise measure this week.

With the successful passage of the bill in final form, Wilson Wyatt, national housing expediter, declared, "this throws the vetans housing program into high

VETERANS throughout the nation certainly hope so. For two months they have watched a political dogfight as Republicans and Southern Democrats lined up solidly in the House to knock Martin Larner, State Chairman, ceiling proposals, as they yielded said in discussing the move. "Es- to top heavy lobby interests of pecially with the anticipated ex- realtors and industry. Two weeks later, the Senate toned down the House action by reinstating the \$600,000,000 subsidy which is designed to make a \$6,000 home

> A COMPROMISE FIGURE of \$400,000,000 was reached and after

ilar to the national G.I. Bill, is really an extension of the rights provided for in that set of provisions. It is intended to give added aid where the national legislation has shown that it is needed.

Legislature. This bill, quite sim-

FOR EXAMPLE, one of the

#### Poll Needed

Statewide feeling about a State G.I. Bill is not known since the populace has not been sounded out on such a plan. However, a recent survey nationally by the Gallup Poll indicates that 52% of the people would back a tax-supported state bonus. VET Voice this week wrote Mr. Gallup suggesting a survey to determine the popularity of a State G.I. Bill.

in another section for the state to pay for laboratory fees, tuition, and book fees where the present national sum is not large enough to cover the entire amount.

With an eye toward the unemployed veteran, the proposed state bill would supplement the present readjustment pay by an added 15%. The present total is \$20.00 per week. This has been shown to not be sufficient for the veteran who cannot find a job on the present "tight" market, and who finds it impossible to make his readjustment dollars stretch far enough in this inna tionary period.

ADDED HELP is also provided in the bill for the disabled veteran to the tune of "not less than" \$2,500,000 and not more than \$5,000,000." These are a few of

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#### Indiana Voted

Indiana can accept little credit for passage of the Patman Housing Bill. Indiana representatives voted the same both times the bill was presented to them. Those on record for were: Democrat Ludlow, and Republican LaFol-

Those against were: Halleck, Springer, Wilson, Gillie, Johnson, Grant and Harness.

Madden, Democrat, and Landis, Republican were not recorded.

Which Theatre?

#### ank Travel Puts Zing in Necking

th the William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, May 1, when members gave passers-by the opportunity to exviat school's newspaper printed the results of a poll taken one the press their opinion last week. question, "are veterans better lovers?"

Results showed that 66 coeds said men were better lovers now than before the war; 31 thought not, and 23 are undecided. Twentyix of the coeds voted that overseas experience had added refinement to the veterans' technique of love-making, while 71 thought

it had added power. Just what that means was not clarified.

DO THE people of the U.S. want retention of OPA? The American Veterans Committee chapter at Hammond, Indiana has definite proof that they There were about a hundred seventy-five pairs of burning ears do. At a downtown booth in Hammond chapter

THE RESULTS: 1325 PERSONS FAVOR OPA

> LESS THAN 10% WANT TO TOSS IT OUT.

The results were obtained in response to the national AVC plea for a demonstration for OPA

throughout the nation following the drastic house action of two weeks before.

IN ADDITION to the downtown booth, the entire town was circularized with mimeographed sheets showing in graph form a comparison between World War I and War II price levels. The entire community was invited to join the crusade to curb inflation arising from uncontrolled spend-

Local papers gave coverage in pictures and stories, The Chicago Sun carried a story, and all city and county o fficials gave their full cooperaOpposition

# AVC ACTION

**Convention News Chapter Activities** 

### Churches Line Up With AVC To Support Health Bill

The American Veterans Committee received additional support in its campaign for passage of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell National Health Bill this week.

Two major church groups gave their support to this bill in testimony before the Senate Labor Committee. They are the Methodist Federation for Social Service and the

Legislative Committee, Council for Social Action, Congregational-Christian Churches.

The Northwest Indiana Den-The Wagner-Murray-Dingel bill tal society last week adopted provides for Federal aid to the a resolution opposing passage States for community-wide public of this bill. This followed similar action taken by the St. health services in every country, Joseph County medical society quality medical care for the needy, and funds for expanded on March 13 at a regular medical education and research.

JUST AS THE RIGHT to an education is considered "A basic right" so should "the right to be born decently and to have adequate medical and hospital care ever available," the Rev. Jack R. McMichael, executive secretary of the Methodist group told the com-

The Rev. Francis W. McPeek. representing the Congregational-Christian Committee, declared

#### "Whiskers" Shaw For Health Bill

George Bernard Shaw believes that the system of private practice in medicine gives doctors a "vested interest in disease."

The Irish playwright made that statement recently in a letter to the London Times on the subject of nationalizeed medicine. His note said:

"The monstrosity which is the present system of private practice in medicine gives doctors a vested interest in disease which they are defending desperately.

"We, the victims, support them because we wish to have doctors of our own friendly choice, not strangers planted on us by the state.

"The solution is simple.

"In Sweden, the most civilized country in western Europe, the private doctor is paid an agreed fee for keeping the family well throughout the year. He gains nothing but has less work when all is well.

"Why not make it obligatory

### Convention Delegate Figure Upped As Manager Comes to Us With News

"And Get Those Reservations In," Warns Yarmolinsky

A new high in delegates is expected at the National Convention of AVC to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, June 14-17. This has been made possible through the announcement that the delegates can now be allotted on the basis of membership as of May 1. The date originally set was April 1.

#### South Bend Man Speaks to Clergy On AVC Concepts

whether we like it or not, are National records as of May 1. neighbors physically, and they should be so spiritually . . . by a creation of science—the airplane. Living together in a great common ocean of air," Franklin Hubbard, secretary of the South Bend AVC chapter, explained the aims and intentions of the American Veterans Committee to the St. Joseph County Ministerial Association of that city.

We must join in common Hubbard said.

Congressmen, Charles G. Bolte, month of service up to a top of tunity, work at fair wages, and housing consistent with the American standard of living is Men already discharged but made available to every man, woman and child in these United States: We want to secure these things for all people everywhere regardless of race, creed, color or political beliefs."

> HE CLOSED with the immor- approximately 2,000 persons. tal lines of Cowper: "But oars alone can ne'er prevail." to reach the distant coast, the breath of heaven must swell the sail or all the toil is lost."

Indp'ls No. 1 Plans

Picnic to be Held

Sometime in June

Plans are under way for In-

dianapolis Chapter No. 1 to hold its first summer outing in the

very near future. The tentative

set-up calls for a picnic to be held

on June 9 at a site to be selected

G. Bolte, National chairman of AVC, has offered his farm land

in the near future.

This announcement was made by Adam Yarmolinsky, Convention Manager, in a trip to State Headquarters in Indianapolis Thursday, May 9. He told a VET VOICE reporter that each chapter would soon receive a complete Stating that "today all men, list of its members, according to

They would then be able to anpoint additional delegates on the basis of any increase in membership over the 30-day period. Delegates are awarded on the basis of one per each 15 members in the chapter.

With convention time drawing near, Mr. Yarmolinsky made the trip to State Headquarters in a swing through the middle west to contact AVC delegates.

INDIANAPOLIS, he spoke to friendship and understanding a gathering of Chapter No. 1 delewith the other people of the gates and asked them to read world. There must be active rath- convention rules carefully in orer than passive cooperation," der to understand convention procedure.

Royal

tional as to delegate not already done so.

MR. YARMOLINSKY estimated that this first convention of AVC, and the first for any veterans organization, would attract

#### Indiana Member is On Site Committee For '47 Convention

Burton B. Ruby, treasurer of the Indiana State Council, was elected by the executive committee to represent this state on the convention site committee for 1947. Ruby is a member of the Michigan City chapter.

The convention site committee will meet prior to the National Convention at Des Moines, to determine their choice for the 1947 site, and will report their recommendations to the convention GUY BOLTE, cousin of Charles there.

#### near Noblesville and Arthur SOUTH BEND Zinkin, Jr., Executive Secretary, has also suggested his home near **DELEGATES**

New Palestine, Indiana. Chapter Joe Baldoni, Oliver Switzer, Almembers, who will be urged to bert Shulman and Robert E. Zimbring visitors, will be notified merman were appointed delewhen more definite arrangements gates to the National Convention have been made by the committee from South Bend. B. J. Garmire consisting of Phil Irwin, Bert and Robert K. Rodibaugh were Gardner, and Elliott Goodman. appointed alternates.

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#### that "Christian social obligation," to abolish payment by the requires that we see to the health of our neighbor. AVCINLEAVE PAY FIGHT FOR EMS

The American Veterans Com- of compensation and allowances mittee edged into the spotlight at time discharge, and would be Veterans Committee is pledged to Yarmolinsky re-emphasized that in the fight for terminal leave pay computed on the basis of two and fight for an America in which hotel reservation, must be made in the fight for terminal leave pay computed on the basis of two and fight for an America in which hotel reservation, and the fight for terminal leave pay computed on the basis of two and fight for an America in which hotel reservation, and the fight for terminal leave pay computed on the basis of two and fight for an America in which hotel reservation, and the fight for terminal leave pay computed on the basis of two and fight for an America in which hotel reservation, and the fight for the national chairman of AVC urged 120 days. passage of the bill presently before Congress. He pointed out that "if terminal pay is to be granted to officers there is every reason to grant it to enlisted personnel as well.

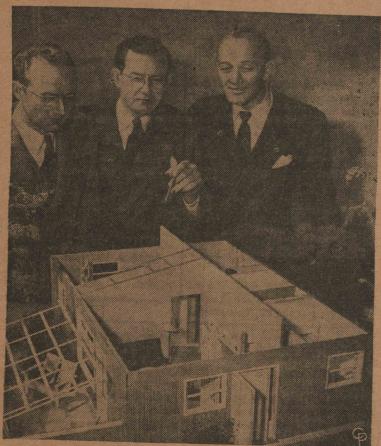
THIS PROPOSED LEGISLA- ment under the plan. TION would allow enlisted men of all services to receive pay, at time of discharge, for all furlough time to which they were entitled

but did not receive. The pay would be at the rate time.

who served after Sept. 8, 1939, (which means practically every veteran) upon application within one year of the date legislation becomes law would receive pay-

IN HIS LETTER, Mr. Bolte also urged Congressmen to sign a petition which brought the bill before Congress at the present

#### VETS PREVIEW NEW LOW COST HOME



SOON TO BE LEAVING the assembly lines at the rate of 200 a month, a model of the new pre-fabricated Shelter home for veterans is viewed with interest in New York by two vets: Wesley Junker (left) and Harry Olson (right). Architect Ralph Gulley points out that the basic unit, consisting of a living room, two bedrooms, bath, dinette and kitchen will sell for \$4,685 at factory, and fulfills FHA requirements.

# he Proposed Indiana State Bill of Rights

1. Be it resolved that the State of Indiana suall allocate all unappropriated surplus accrued annually and such additional amounts as may be needed for the purpose of providing additional benefits to veterans of World War II who are currently receiving benefits under "the G. I. Bill of Rights" or who shall be receiving such benefits up to December 31, 1951, in accordance with the table of allowances set forth below.

2. Be it further resolved that the State of Indiana shall appropriate no less than \$2,-500,000 and no more than \$5,000,000 annually up to and including the fiscal year 1951 for the rehabilitation of disabled veterans by means described below.

#### TABLE OF ALLOWANCES

1. Where the federal government is paying "subsistence allowance" under the educational provisions of the G. I. Bill, the State of Indiana shall pay an additional allowance of 15 cents for every \$1.00 of federal funds.

2. Where the federal government is paying "unemployment compensation" under the provision of the G. I. Bill, the State of Indiana shall pay all additional allowance of 15 cents for every \$1.00 of federal allowance.

3. Where the federal government insures loans to veterans for legitimate purposes under the G. I. Bill, the State of Indiana shall pay the entire interest not paid from federal funds on such loans for a period of five years. This obligation not to be extended beyond December 31, 1952.

#### REHABILITATION OF DISABLED **VETERANS**

1. The State of Indiana shall pay a subsistence of living allowance of 25 cents for every \$1.00 expended in federal funds for such purpose which a disabled veteran is attending a recognized institution of learning. This shall not apply to "on the job" training.

2. The State of Indiana shall pay onethird of the cost to a disabled veteran for prosthetic appliances indicated for a disability received in line of duty during World

3. The State of Indiana shall set up an agency to pass upon the validity of all claims made by employers who are providing for "on the job" training—such agency to be composed of a five-man board, one from the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, one from the Indiana Industrial Union Council, one from the A. F. of L., one from the Retail Merchants Association, and one from the personnel division of the State of Indiana-such agency to set standards of the amount of training required in each business or industry filing application for trainee and the miniindustry and/or business.

Jives With "Voice" Figs

#### Bradley Says Veteran Unemployment Govt. Labor Laws Three Times That of Other Civvies

There are three times as many veterans as non-vet- employers were reported last erans unemployed in the nation today. This blunt, and week by the Wage and Hour and startling truth, was given by General Omar Bradley in a panel discussion before the U.S. Chamber of Commerce recently. This is an even higher percentage than that re- showed that of 44,300 establishported by VET VOICE in a recent edition when it was ments examined, no less than 32,

found that two veterans were uncivilian in Indiana.

The Gen on to s million veter a the nation iobs October.

ained the figure by saythat further demobilization labor force to that figure.

General Bradley warned, "If jobs are not created for these ment of their idleness. Their abilities to find satisfactory employ- costs facing the veteran. ment will hang upon our general economic prosperity."

#### **Big-Wigs Meeting** In Sessions for Vet Employment

THE THREE BIGWIGS of veterans affairs of the nation are getting together this week for the Twelfth Annual Conference of Veterans Employment Representatives, in the Coronado Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

General Omar N. Bradley, irman, and Major General wis B. Hershey, and Mr. Lewis hwellenbach, members of the Veterans Placement Service Board will attend the sessions to discuss job opportunities and general re-employment problems. From Indiana, Fred Myles, acting eterans Employment Represenve, will attend and will speak the situation in this state.

NOW THAT THE war has been on, the major responsibility of the Veterans Employment Service is that of providing for vetrans the maximum of job opporunity through the facilities of he United States Employment ervice. For that reason, the inference this year will be in ne fullest sense a conference of State Veterans Employment Representatives.

#### **Ex-Army Scribes** Spin Lewis Yarn

NEW YORK (FP-An indication of veterans interest in organized labor is seen in the contents of Salute, the new magaand entry into industry of vet- zine produced by former editors proper overtime payments ac appointment of the veterans emerans now "taking it easy" will and writers of Yank and Stars increase the potential veteran & Stripes, features an ex-GI's interview with John L. Lewis-"Labor's Angry Man."

jobs, wages and higher living six months or both.

The May labor article by De-Witt Gilpin explains many things pay due him. about Lewis that veterans might not know-how, before the war "a red hot CIO New Dealer" who fafor Roosevelt in 1936, today is a five years. Republican, back in the AFL he Chapters are urged to discuss cal action.

Widespread violations of federal labro laws by thousands of Public Contracts Divisions of the Labor Department.

GOVERNMENT inspections 800 or 74% were found in violation of the law, while 50% were guilty of violating the minimum wage or overtime provisions.

One out of every four cases of violations involving wages un Employment Issue earthed an employer failing to pay his workers the required 40c per hour under the Fair Labor

UNDER THE Fair Labor Standards Act, government officials pointed out, an employer guilty of ly person to hold the office re SALUTE'S MAIDEN issue con- these violations can be fined up cently vacated. men, we will have to reckon with tained "Bread and Butter Front," to \$10,000 or in the case of a the ultimate cost and disillusion- an article explaining problems of second violation, be jailed for

> In addition, the victimized worker may sue for double the back

#### G.I. BILL

(Continued from page 1) thered Labor's Non-Partisan the principal proposals of the bill League to mobilize the labor vote which is intended to extend for

so bitterly attacked and miles this plan at an early meeting and apart from the CIO on attitude to register the reaction of memtoward prices, wages and politi- bers. Suggested changes are also requested.

## Employers Violate FEPC FOLDS—NO DOUGH

Chairman Malcolm Ross of the Fair Employment Practices Committee said last week that he had furloughed all remaining 24 employes of his agency, including himself, without pay for lack of funds.

He said the furlough became effective immediately and resulted from the failure last night by House and Senate conferees to approve a \$27,600 appropriationg to complete the liquidation of FEPC. He said the refusal of Congress to grant liquidation funds to a federal agency was unique. Congress previously had decreed that FEPC should end by June 30.

# AVC to Study VER Job Merits as

have been instructed to investi-Standards Act. Failure to make gate the issues involved in the counted for many other viola-ployment representative. On their findings they are to make a recommendation as to the most like-

It is an office of great importance relative to veterans' employment problems and the desire to investigate the situation farther was prompted by the interest AVC is taking regarding Officers of the State Council employment in Indiana.





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### Indiana Has National Leadership Opportunity

In another part of this edition, the VET VOICE is presenting a tentative plan for a state G. I. Bill of Rights to replace other plans that have been brought forward for a state bonus. If you, the members of the American Veterans Committee endorse the general theme, we intend to push for enactment of such a program at the next session of the State Legislature.

Maybe we are barking up the wrong tree. There are many people who would say that we are committing suicide by not coming out for a bonus that will stuff dollars into the pockets of the ex-soldat. They say that to get members into the American Veterans Committee we must be prepared to jump on the bandwagon and help throw out the ready cash.

Such an attitude might be the way to attract members. Certainly other veterans organizations are doing it.

But we could not be honest if we advocated such a thing because we know that a bonus is nothing more than a political handshake. It solves nothing.

For one thing, at present price levels a three or four hundred dollar outright grant would purchase less than half of what it should. The money would be frittered away and in little or no time the veteran would be right back where he started. It would just

be another way to add more money to the inflated market.

A state G.I. Bill, however, is the sound way to be of substantial, long range help Indiana could step into the national spotlight. The Hoosier state could assume leadership and command national respect for its earnest desire to see to it that returning Hoosier servicemen were given every opportunity to become productive citizens once again.

While approximately six states have already appropriated bonus money from their record surpluses, there is nothing on the record books which says that Indiana cannot be the one to point the way for a more MEMBERS OF CHICAGO REALTY BOARD, intelligent, realistic program.

And that is exactly what we advocate. in the first place. It was the way to get at the root of the readjustment problems of the veteran.

state has a chance to implement the pro- at once. gram with added financial and administrative assistance, that she would do so. We must fight to make it so.

Army Press

### The Stars and Stripes—A Propaganda Sheet

One of the easiest things in the world to do is to sit back and criticize the actions of other people—especially when you are casting barbs in the direction of the Army.

Any bull session of ex-GIs always gets around to blasting the service from hell to breakfast. But, doggone it, we just can't help it. The Army has done it again.

Last week, Army brass hats in Europe kicked the last bit of press freedom out of the Stars and Stripes as they began hiring civilians to do the job. On the face of it, it might seem that civilians not subject to the discipline and regimentation would have their typewriters freed to do a better, unfettered job of reporting.

A closer looksee, however, shows just the opposite to be true. Since the departure of General Eisenhower, Army big-wigs such as General Lee have taken over and have been consistent and constant in their blasts against any type of Army journalism which permitted criticism of any kind.

Hiring civilians is their most effective way of turning the overseas publications into nothing more potent than propaganda

In the first place, the civvies cannot help

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but slant their news to avoid criticism of hope that the response from all Army brass. They will want to hang onto as it has been in the last few the soft pedal to news that their advertis- proper spirit, we can win.

kept apart from the men to whom and for whom they should be writing primarilythe enlisted men. The Army caste system is such that the scribes will be segregated from their reading public.

With such a division the content of any result the Stars and Stripes of old is entitled to a decent burial because the paper that ing our goal. will remain cannot possibly contain the sachet with freedom.

General Lee and company will have to learn the hard way - if ever - that an American occupation army of spirit and discipline will have to be shaped by the same set of principles which have remained the very basic concepts for our democracy. That there is no substitute for fact. That there is no double-talk for Truth.

Letters to the THE VETERAN'S VOICE Editor

Dear Editor

Indianapolis one recently had sent out an inquiry sheet and the last question want to pass it on to you. It seems to me that when you just have an eight page paper you are Art Editor ...... Gary Ruben ing record reviews and information on sports. Give us more information of use to veterans and State Executive Secretary ..... Arthur Zinkin, Jr. STATE OFFICERS: Martin L. Larner, Indianapolis, Chair- ports in its statement of intenmore on issues that AVC supman; Joe Kutch, Gary, Vice-Chairman; Burton B. Ruby, tions.

> Sincerely, Elmer Nieten, (Ed. note. Even sex can get monotonous.)



#### **Confidential Letter Shows** to the veteran. In adopting such a program Lobby Selfishness—and Power

The following letter by Floyd G. Dana, president of the Chicago Realty Board, was intended to be confidential when written on April 18 to members of the Realty Association in Chicago. There is nothing more powerful than Mr. Dana's own words to show that powerful lobbies did exist to work against the Patman Bill and OPA-and that those lobbies were trying to defeat the legislation for their own special interests. Not once in his entire letter, did Mr. Dana even remately refer to the people—or the merits of the legislation.-Ed Note.

Gentlemen:

Congratulations are due every member who partici-The nation saw the need for that kind of pated in the splendid fight against the Patman bill in both legislation when the G.I. Bill was drawn up the Houses of Representatives and the Senate. Unquestionably, this has been a grand victory for our side.

The response that we received from our Senators and Representatives was tremendous. Senator Brooks should However, the national bill has been be very highly commended for the stand he took on the shown to have weak spots. It seems only floor of the Senate. If you have not already done so, telecommon sense, therefore, that when the grams and letters of appreciation should be sent to him

> However, the big battle is still to be fought. The extension of the Price Control Act is in the process of hearings in the House at the moment, and will go to the Senate probably next week. This is our opportunity, if ever, to get some relief in the way of rent increases for Chicago.

You will be kept informed rislation, both through the Board and the N their jobs. It's the same principal that keep our members continuously aroused, but it newspaper dailies employ when they put that the fight is a long-drawn-out affair. If we sho

In the second place, the writers will be I have been informed that the Senate will pass the bill. The W-E-T bill is up for a vote in the Senate today. Unfortunately, there was not sufficient time for us to show our strength. Our only hope of defeating this drastic legislation is on the floor of the House. When the bill reaches the House, your efforts will be needed.

Again I want to thank each and every contributor who publication will no longer beat forcefully responded to our call for funds for the Washington comwith the pulse of the enlisted men. As a mittee. It has been gratifying to see the numerous checks which have been mailed in, and we are very near reach-

I am confident that it will be attained in the next few spark that rag enjoyed even in its brief days. Any personal effort expended has been well repaid by the support shown by all of you.

> The committee on realtor is in the midst of developing a very extensive advertising campaign which will be presented to the entire membership at some time in the future. For many months, we have felt the need of broader public relations program for our board.

> This plan ties in with the findings of a number of other committees. It may be a year before the project can be properly presented. However, you should be informed of our plans, and will be so informed from time to time.

NAREB is seriously considering a very extensive radio program which will be nationwide and for a period of a ear's duration. This proposed publicity may possibly tie Indianapolis Chapter number in with the future program of our own board.

Our committee on realtor, under the chairmanship of asked for comments on VETER- Whitney Wall, deserves a lot of credit for the many meet-ANS VOICE. I made one and I ings that have been held and for the time spent by each individual member.

This will be the last letter during the present regin to all committee chairmen and members who have worked so industriously this past year.

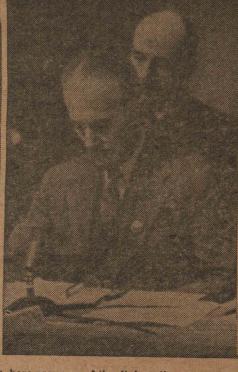
> The success, if any, for this administration is entirely due to their credit. It has been marvelous to see the work which has been done, and the kind consideration given by the entire membership is highly appreciated by your out Indianapolis No. 1 going president.

#### FLOYD G. DANA.

# The Men Behind the Scene at U. N. Conferences









ALTHOUGH THE CONFERENCES of the United Nations Security Council at Hunter College, Bronx, New York, have been widely reported, little notice has been accorded the experts who work behind the scene to keep the well known delegates completely informed. Their precise and important knowledge makes it possible for men like Byrnes, Gromyko, Cadogan and Ala to have at their fingertips vital data at the moment they need it. Pictured

here are some of the diplomatic experts in back of their chiefs. From left to right, they are: Charles Bohlen, State Department expert on Russia, and Ben Cohen, aides to U. S. State Secretary James Byrnes; Boris Stein, adviser to Russian Ambassador Andrei Gromyko; Valentine Lawford, aide to United Kingdom delegate Sir Arthur Cadogan; and Dr. A. Daftery, counselor to Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala.

#### **About Washington**

By HARRY GOTTLIEB, JR.

Anti-labor arias have reached a new thundering crescendo during the coal strike, and this has not been surprising. Significantly, the most shrieking notes have been sung by the people and interests which have always given their sourcest notes to organized labor and are constantly looking for bigger and better excuses to sing

GRANTED, the coal strike by threatening the electric power and the steam of faces to the wing wall.

Aviduals, who elieve that the issues at stake in

so important as to justify blacking out the efrain from joining the old Johnny-One-Note chorus ants to make the coal strike the basis for sweeping anti-

SOME FRIENDS of labor have openly denounced John L. Lewis, and a few have gone so far as to demand his trial as a criminal. But cooler heads have noted that there are merits and demerits on both sides of the dispute in this strike, and that the coal mine owners are getting more benefit than they deserve from the flood of back given progressives by the Senate's approval public opinion turning against Lewis and his miners.

Lewis himself has had a fantastic career. Less than a decade onto the minimum wage bill, has stirred some ago he was the most powerful labor leader in the country. His CIO ws aggressively exploring new vistas of economic democracy which the older, more thoroughly established unions, had neglected.

FROM THE TERRIBLE poverty and insecurity of the early 1930's the CIO was forging new hope for the man who was listed merely as a cost on his employer's balance sheet and who was becoming part of the machines he turned on the assembly line.

Lewis, as much as any other man, showed CIO members how to find new security and life through collective effort in industrial total increase would have been \$4,400,000,000 a

THEN SOMETHING SNAPPED. Perhaps nobody knows the real reason behind Lewis' change of tactics. Was he power mad? the campaign will center on getting a strong bill Did President Roosevelt betray some solemn promise? Was Lewis politically frustrated?

One of these days the rank and file of the United Mine Workers may send John L. Lewis out to pacture, or Lewis may decide himself minimum wage at 65 cents—possibly without the that the time to graze has come. In either case, I hope that he settles down to write his memoirs and thereby help to fill an important gap in recent American History.

LITTLE RESEARCH is needed to discover that the United Mine Workers have been on solid ground in their dispute with the coal operators. American coal mines have long been shamefully unhealthy and unsafe. The miners and their families have been passed. constantly insecure.

Hardly a month passes without newspaper stories about another mine cave-in or explosion, with the inevitable tragic pictures of the miners' families clustered hopelessly about a rickety mine shaft. The come the stories about the dead miners' families, how the yidows are left without insurance to take care of themselves and their frequently large families.

ORTHODOX CAPITALISM has always demanded large rewards for the risk of capital wealth. It has only been the unions which ave insisted upon some kind of decent recompense for the risk health and human life.

RIDICULOUS to expect that all labor leaders should be at statesmen, always keeping the public welfare uppermost in eir minds. The captains of industry have rarely been famed for regarding the public welfare as more important than profit.

Those who advocate the shackeling of all labor because of the ectivities of a few of its leaders should reflect a moment about he fate of industry if the same criteria were applied. There would e no industry today if all business leaders were fully penalized or the practices of a few cartels, monopolies, and unscrupulous

EVEN IF the coal strike puts out all of the nation's electric lights, there will be small justification for a blackout of all of the nation's intelligent, progressive thought.

## 65 Cent Minimum Wage

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK Federated Press

"There is hope of a tree, if it be cut down the tender branch thereof may sprout again."

WHILE THE whole tree of minimum wage bill was not cut down most of the sustaining branches were removed and a huge "sucker" limb was 'grafted" upon the tree which nullifies the 20-cent increase in the nation's minimum wage fight.

Hope is revived that the friends of the 65-cent an hour minimum wage bill will compromise if a strong measure can be steered through the

That sounds like powerful medicine considering the fact that by most measuring devices the Senate is slightly more progressive than our lower chamber at this time.

The fact is, however, that the unexpected setof the Russell-Pace rider, tacking farm labor costs fighting blood in the friends of labor on the Hill.

THERE HAS come a definite realization that the farm bloc's rider would have cut organized labor's recent and pending wage increases by an amount that OPA figures would be 331/2 per cent . . . that it would have raised retail food prices around 15 per cent and cost the average family around \$125 a year in consumer food costs. The

Under the strategy now being worked out here, through the House and sent into conference with the Senate. Then the plan would be to compromise by knocking out the farm-labor rider and set the feature raising it to 75 cents in four years.

This would mean that the legal minimum would be 65 cents for a period of about a year, at which time would have some new faces in Congress after the fall elections. Then the labor and consumer forces could really go to work and get a better bill

Actually, the 65-cent minimum wouldn't be too heavy for American industry, although it is a present 40-cent figure. Most employers are already paying 65 cents or more.

Hardest hit would be lumber, textile, tobacco, chemical and some parts of the clothing industry. Here are some estimates: In parts of the clothing industry, mostly runaway mills in the south-

ern states, about 20,000 workers earn less than 65 cents. Southern textile plants have about 55,000 who are below the 65-cent figure, and in lumber some 12 per cent of all employes, or around 60,000, would get an increase under the bill. Most of these, too, are southerners.

In the tobacco industry, plants making eigar-ettes, eigars and other tobacco products would raise some 15,000 workers or slightly over 15 per cent of all employees . . . and again they are found in Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky

Food manufacturing plants have around 60,000 workers under the proposed 65-cent figure, representing some 6 per cent of their employes, while the woodpulp and paper makers are now paying 20,000 workers less than 55 cents.

Although no exact figures are available on them, a number of other industries would be touched by the 65-cent figure. These include printing plants, furniture factories, cement and clay (soil) pipe makers, glass products, and leather goods factories. And by far the majority of the underpaid workers live in Dixie.

Add all of these sub-marginal workers and you get not over 300,000 for the whole country and it was because of them that the polltax Democrats so successfully ripped the original minimum wage proposal in the Senate.

Back of their fight lies the southern wage differential under which a worker earns from 10 to 20 per cent less than a northern employe doing exactly the same job on the same machine . . . and frequently for the same employer.

It is from this analysis, showing that the problem is a southern one and that the solution was killed by southern Senators, that new emphasis is being placed here upon the House-approved poll tax repeal bill.

Despite President Truman's disapproval of the polltax as a national problem in Chicago, liberal Democrats and Republicans in the Senate are moving ahead to force a showdown on HR 7 before the fall e lection—and before most of their colleagues start drifting back home to solicit votes.

Although some of the leaders in the Senate are quite aware of it, a lot of others should be reminded that bringing up the bill will be quite useless unless there is an understanding that the cloture rule will be involved. Cloture is the key to killing the polltax.

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It has been inevitable for more Mr. White had. the average man hasn't the an-apologist, and part-time adviser LARRY HILL.

swer to everything any more than himself is one of a man who spent

than 25 years that William Allen certainly an interesting and col-White's Autobiography would one orful one. Without benefit of fi. he understood it. day appear. This is the sort of nancial interest and almost by book you can't make up your sheer force of editorial personal. thing every serious student of cian knows by heart. It is, of mind about even after the first ity, Mr. White managed to work America should read and I ven. course, in reference to records. his way into the smoke-filled ture to predict that few books of rooms of the political world and our time will be more widely stu-band cuts a record the sideman tially a history of our time and tially a history of our time and to emerge as part prophet, part died here as well as abroad.— under normal circumstances, is

to the Republican Party.

He was a friend of almost every major poiltical figure of the past 40 years and managed to exert considerable influence on the decision makers.

POLITICALLY, White was almose several years ahead of his friends, the picture he draws of a lifetime learning what he could THE STORY of White's life is about his country, and yet in the end never feeling too sure that HIM OUT OF WORK."

our time will be more widely stu- band cuts a record the sideman.

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Ansco developing kits are now ing for the veteran."—Drew Pearson, Washington Merry-Go. available, and much care must be taken in the processing of the film. Otherwise the results are liable to be "sad sack."

> We understand that the OPA manufacturers an increase in price and consequently a lot of new material should be on cam- doubt about it-some unions are in era shop shelves within the new Speed Graphics about to be label of "Communism." delivered to a couple of veterans.

hood depends upon taking piccameras simply by going to their local CPA office to apply for forms and instructions. Fill them and he will do the rest.

The new National Cold Light enlarger is a honey, with its new saw the new De Jur Versatile, makes up for it. ARA 134. which is a very fine piece of dark I am interested in obtaining more information about The room equipment.

SOL ESHOWSKY

#### Miss "Swim"



JOAN FULTON is "Miss Swim for Health Week Girl" which is the best reason we know for this diving-board pose. Joan and her lovely figure modelled in New York City prior to going into the movies.

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# FOR YOU JIVE HOUNDS

Platter Chatter

#### BY DON WINTIN

"MUSIC IS THE ONLY CRAFT THAT CREATES THE INSTRU-MENT THAT IN TURN PUTS

I don't know who said it, but The AUTOBIOGRAPHY is some it's a quotation that every musi-

HERE'S HOW it works-When paid a flat sum and that ends it as far is he is concerned. After

the record is released, the public can hear his music countless times but he receives no further remuneration. Now this is one of the reasons the muscian's unions are always

in the limelight. They are trying to get the men paid, not in accordance with the actual working period, but rather in accordance with the amount of time devoted to listening to their music.

Very few people realize that it takes a man longer to become week-end to see if it could be a musician than it does to become a doctor and that the top men what it had been represented to spend thousands of dollars studying to prepare themselves for this work.

The next time you pay 75 cent for a record, just multiply that true to nature and so accurate by the number of people all over the country who are buying that record. It would be a staggering sum. Then realize that the men who cut the record make only \$25 or \$30. Not much return on the original investment, is it?

That's why I hate to see the government cracking down on the

IT HAS BEEN said that this new bill is aimed drectly against Petrillo. It seems hardly feasible that all the Congressmen have something personal against Petrillo or that this will correct unfair practices.

No, we feel that there's more to it. For instance, we quote the Chicago Journal of Commerce—"fixing him personally won't alone correct the evils-other union leaders exact tribute and force them to hire more help than they need. What should be done—is to overhaul the Wagner act to make organized labor equally liable has allowed the photographic with industry for unfair practices."

SEE WHAT I MEAN? It furnishes a nice, convenient wedge that will lead to further muzzling of all labor unions. There's no

But it's almost funny. These l month. And speaking of new anxious for labor to share respons equipment, we saw two brand "equal profits" are mentioned the

BUT ENOUGH of that for now. On to brighter things ANY VETERAN whose liveli- the boys who are cutting some mighty fine discs these days

For instance, Harry James has THE WONDER OF YOU on tures can obtain one of these which Willie Smith-my boy-plays knocked out alto. Kitty Kallen akes a nice vocal and it all goes to make a nice, listenable record.

King Cole turned out the miracle record of the month. Both out, take them to your dealer, TO BE BY YOURSELF. The arrangements are fine and the boys play and sing them in great style. Cap. 239.

JAN SAVITT, one of the few men who knows how to use strings in a dance band, uses them to full advantage on TALK OF neon tubing light; and we also THE TOWN. We don't care too much for the vocal but the band

Boyd Raeburn lets fly with TONSILECTOMY. Here is a fine band-wonderful arranging and clean playing. The trumpet and tenor choruses highlight the record but only because of the fine background written in by the arranger, George Handy. It's a record you can listen to if you like the finer points that go to make up good jazz. Jewel 223.

WE HAD THE unfortunate experience of listening to Sammy Kaye's PUT YOUR LITTLE FOOT RIGHT OUT. Back when we were in the 12th AD band at Camp Barkely, Texas, we had to play this tune every night we played the officers' club. I hope some of you ex-barmen have paid out good money for this record-serves you right. Everyone else stay away 'cause it seems like Swing and Sway is getting a little sway-backed. But, if you don't believe me, it's on Vic. 20-1812.

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#### Sons of Winning **Congress Nominee Cast Vote for AVC**

THE SONS OF William W. Welsh, Peru, have joined the American Veterans Committee. Mr. Welsh was the successful Democratic nominee for Congress from the Fifth District in the recent primary nominations.

His two sons, Stephen J. and William F., became interested in AVC when Mr. Welsh received he recent questionnaire circued by the VETERAN'S VOICE, which the theme, "Citizens Veterans Second" was em-

.. THEY requested additional information and promptly returned their signed applications to State Headquarters.

Both were officers, Stephen being a first "looie" in the Marine Air Corps, with William holding a similar rank in the AAF.

### **Politically Speaking**

#### James Noland, 7th District Winner, Signs Up With AVC at Bloomington

Capt. James E. Noland, successful democratic candidate for U.S. representative from the Seventh District told members of the Bloomington chapter that the leaders of the country look to org. Noble Johnson ganized veterans for their leadership as he signed a membership Gerald Landis

card in AVC.

"I know the American Veter Earl Wilson ans Committee," he said, "takes an active interest in current af Ray Springer fairs and, therefore, is attempt. Al. J. Beveridge, Jr. ing to supply that leadership. I choose to cast my beliefs with yours."

NOLAND, WHO won the nomination by about 2,000 votes last Tuesday, pledged himself to furthering the best interests of the Nation and the veterans. He said that he would act in line with the Statement of Intentions and would fight for real "progressive legislation" if elected.

#### Successful Candidates In Primary

Republican Charles W. Gannon Charles Halleck Robert Grant George Gillie Forrest Harness Edward A. Mitchell

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11th District

Democrat Ray J. Madden Mrs. Margaret Afflis John S. Gonas Walter Frederick William W. Welsh Thomas A. Sigler James E. Noland Winfield K. Denton Oliver O. Dixon Frank C. Unger Louis Ludlow



ON ONE OF HER REGULAR WEEKLY VISITS to Walter Reed hospital in Washington, Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts chats with Pfc. Charles Helsel of Hollidaysburg, Pa., who lost his leg in France. Coming up for a House vote soon is Mrs. Rogers' bill authorizing the government to provide every amputee veteran a suitably equipped automobile not to exceed \$1,500 in cost.

#### MISHAWAKA EDITOR HITS VET RECEPTION

nomination.

constable.

LaPorte Sports

Two Candidates

LaPorte members of AVC

took more than a casual inter-

est in the recent primary nom-

inations. Two members of that chapter, one of the most ac-

tive in Indiana, were victor-

ious in their campaign for

Norman Reeg won the Re-

publican nomination for sher-

iff, while Earl Ebert became

the Democratic nominee for

John J. Rhodes, editor-publisher of the Mishawaka (Ind.) Enterprise, has resigned from his local draft board because he doesn't want to draft any more Americans. He doesn't like the way veterans are being treated when they come home.

THE LETTER of resignation, addressed to the President of the U.S.A., occupies almost two columns of Page 1 of his newspaper.

"While World War II still continued our servicemen were regarded as heroes. Nothing was too good for them. They were well clothed and fattened. The war was won for us. Now our men are returning. But not to conditions they dreamed of when they were facing enemy fire.

Instead they find themselves confronted with a dire housing shortage, meat shortage, butter shortage, clothing shortage, a 50 to 60 cent dollar and many times discriminated against and snubbed.

THE TIME that I would spend on the board were I to continue to serve I will spend on my newspaper attempting to make better the lot of our returned soldiers."

### Authoritative Survey by Writer ice insurance you will see that it contains a valuable clause waive Has G.I. Inche On The Ball

term policy, let it lapse, or been out knowing it. top, look and find out more about

who have let their term policies lapse are dealing ves a poor hand, according to Sidney Margolius, insurance pert who writes a column on the GI insurance policy for a

prominent Chicago newspaper. The reason why - vets can con- whether they are insurable betinue their term insurance at the fore they pass up what they have same rate as when in service for now. eight years from the date each policy was taken out.

Going, Going

A veterans administration survey shows that 12,000,000 of the 15,400,000 veterans of World War II are likely to let their government life insurance policies lapse.

VA studied the insurance of men discharged in July, August and September and found that by January, 65% had not paid a single premium and only 1 in 50 had converted his policy into permanent civilian form.

surance is by far the cheapest, check it yourself.

Dividends on insurance held by World War I vets have been higher than those of private companies. Indications are that dividends this time will again be comparably higher, further reducing the costs of insurance.

Physical status of many vets has changed during service and they may no longer be able to pass a physical for private insurance. It would be wise in that case for vets to determine

#### a manon Is Bar o College Entry

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States were reported ov the Chicago Times recently as asserting that in many instances eterans have been excluded rom colleges and universities beause they were Jewish. Plans or a national survey to deterine the extent of such discrimnations were announced by VA.

all private policies do. Upon checking over your serv- true.

ice insurance you will see that ing premiums in case of total disability. In fact, some vets may be eligible for such waiver with-

The Government policy provides that if the insured vet becomes totally disabled for six months, his premiums are waived for that period and for as long as the total disability continues.

ON THE WHOLE, the best angles for most vets right now, in Mr. Margolius' opinion would be VETS IN INDUSTRIAL trades to continue the term policies with-THROUGH COMPARISON particularly hazardous occupa out reconverting to the higher with other low-cost policies of tions should know that service cost Government policies, but not large companies, the soldiers' in- insurance places no restrictions giving up Government insurance upon occupation or travel (you for private-company programs. could even be a soldier). Nearly Those vets who have looked into the matter have found this to be

STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS

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We look forward toward becoming civilians; making a decent living, raising a family, and living in freedom from the threat of another war. But that is what most Americans wanted from the last war. They found that military victory does not automatically bring peace, jobs or freedom. To guarantee our interests, which are those of our country, we must work for what we want.

Therefore, we are associating ourselves with American men and women, regardless of race, creed, or color, who are serving with or who have been honorably discharged from our armed forces, merchant marine, or allted forces. When we are demobilized it will be up to all of us to decide what action can best further our aims.

These will include:

Adequate financial, medical, vocational and educational assistance for every veteran.

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A job for every veteran, under a system of private enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture, and government work together to provide full employment and full production for the nation.

Thorough social and economic security.

Free speech, worship, assembly and ballot.

Disarmament of Germany and Japan and the elimination of the power of their militarist classes.

Active participation in the United Nations Organization to stop any threat of aggression and to promote social and economic measures which will remove the causes of war.

Establishment of an international veterans council for the furtherance of world peace and justice among the peoples of all nations.

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As more chapters come into the fold, and national convention

time draws close at hand, correspondence continues to mount.

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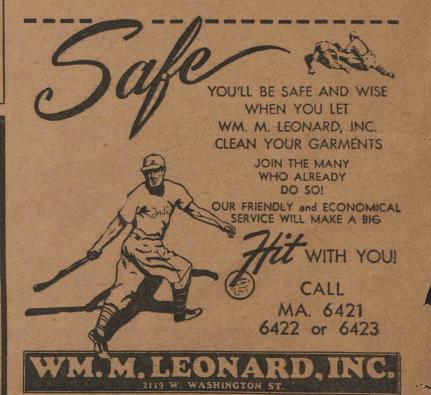
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# U.S. Must Act As Food Problem Grows More Acute

YUGOSLAV ORPHANS THANK UNRRA FOR 'LIFE'



WAR ORPHANS AT THE PETER DRAPSHIN ORPHANAGE for tubercular children in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, sit around a table bearing a sign which reads in their language, "We, children of Yugoslavia, give thanks to UNRRA." The relief organization has been instrumental in bringing in ample food and medicine for proper nourishment and treatment of the helpless and sick little war victims.

#### 'Ike' Eisenhower Says

Again, our own conception of democracy, no matter States Food Steps how earnestly venerated by ourselves, is of little importance to men whose immediate concern is the preservation of physical life.

WITH FAMINE and starvation the lot of half of the to solve food shortages. They world, food is of far more current importance to them follow: than are political ideas.

THE DEGREE of our sacrifice in feeding the hungry is the degree of our understanding of the world today.

AND BY our conduct toward the hungry now, our country and its institutions will not only be judged tomorrow, but our own progress toward a peaceful world will be measured.

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2nd Day C. 255 P. 45 F. 2 Cal. 1218	Bread, 3 slices Tea		Meat, 1 ounce s Potatoes, 1½ cupfuls Bread, 3 slices
3rd Day C. 245 P. 45 F. 6 Cal. 1214	Bread, 3 slices Egg, 1 Tea	Bread, 3 slices Spaghetti, 1 cupful Beets, ½ cupful	Bread, 3 slices Potatoes, 1¼ cupfuls Cabbage, ½ cupful
4th Day C. 255 P. 43 F. 2 Cal. 1210	Bread, 3 slices Tea	Bread, 3 slices Macaroni, 1½ cupfuls Apple, 1	Potatoes, 1 cupful Bread, 3 slices Meat, 1 ounce
5th Day C. 255 P. 39 F. 4 Cal. 1212	Bread, 3 slices Tea	Bread, 3 slices Potatoes, 1½ cupfuls Peanut oil, 1 teaspoon	Spaghetti, 1¼ cupf'ls Bread, 3 slices Cabbage, ½ cupful
Sth Day C. 255 P. 45 F. 2	Bread, 3 slices	Bread, 3 slices Spaghetti, 1½ cupf'ls	Bread, 3 slices Potatoes, 1½ cupfuls

Cal. 1218

# 'Butch' La Guardia

Fiorello LaGuardia, UNRRA Director last week laid town a set of specific recommendations

1. An international food board to control grain allocations.

2. An international agreement for co-ordination of all government purchases of grain and other basic foods.

3. Action within 30 to 60 days to repatriate displaced persons now living in camps in Europe.

4. Immediate consideration by countries with room such as U.S., Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Australia, and Colombia of concrete steps toward taking in refugees.

5. Consideration in Paris meeting in September of turning over UNRRA relief agencies to United Nations.

#### How to Save Food

If you wish to reduce and send tion you can save 600 calories a day by sticking to the following

SUBSTITUTE fruits and custards for pie, cake, doughnuts or cookies. This will trim off another 100 to 300 calories.

GIVE UP fried foods and salad dressing.

USE MILK instead of cream in

EAT SUGAR and sweets sparingly. Have plenty of fruits and vegetables instead. Take extra helpings of peas, lima beans and corn when cutting down on ce-

HELP YOURSELF to plenty of protein foods, such as milk, eggs, poultry and lean meat.

#### HOW YOU EAT IN WORLD OF WAN

CALORIES PER DAY



STARVATION LINE

"GOOD HEALTH" UNE

WITH AMERICANS BEING URGED to "pull in their belts" to help feed
4,000,000 famine-threatened people, this chart provides at a glance an answer to a question many are asking: "What are these people actually eating, and what do they need?" The information on the chart above came from UNRRA and other relief agencies, according to the most recent reports from former President Herbert Hoover's check of the hunger zones. Note "starvation line" and "good health" line to which arrows on chart point,

#### SOLON TRIES OUT 'GARBAGE' MEAL



REPRESENTATIVE Walter Norblad of Oregon is pictured eating a meal in the House of Representatives restaurant in Washington, which he said, the Navy had classified as "garbage" and thrown on the city dump at Astoria, Ore. The luncheon consisted of canned meat, cranberry sauce, powdered milk and powdered lemon juice. He charged that while Europe starved, the Navy was throwing good food away.



INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, NOVEMBER, 1949

FIVE CENTS

### National, State Conventions Coming Up; State Conclave For January 7-8

Indiana AVC has gone convention-conscious in a big Endorses AVC way. First on the agenda is the National Convention, which will take place Thanskiving week-end, November 25-27 at the Congress Hotel in Chicago.

Although no official program has been distributed yet for this Convention, it has been announced that important wayne recently unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the American Veterans Committee for

Bob Long, Chairman of Indiana-

annual State Convention of the Indiana State Council, AVC, and

Committee with him.

sure about the spelling.

Platform Committee meetings will+ begin Thursday evening, November 24th, with the official Opening Session of the Convention set for Friday morning, November 25th. President Harry S. Truman and a number of other notable Made speakers, have been invited to address the gathering.

tion will be a gala banquet Friday evening, while the rest of the time will be taken up with serious work, culminating in the election of a National Chairman, National Vice-Chairman and twenty-four members of the National Planning Committee.

Indiana chapters are prepared to send able delegations to the Convention. A tentative and as yet incomplete list of official delegates from Indiana include Marty Larner, Arnie Feldman, Randy Frakes, Bob Long, Dick Fritz-meyer, Kenny Paine, Mel Pierce, and Marvin Tishcoff.

#### State Convention To Be Held Early

The second Convention event to including the chairmanship of the our side.' come up in the near future is the constitutional revisions commitwhich will be held January 7-8, committee will be made shortly, fought shoulder to shoulder with dressed itself to new locations. It was announced. Anyone interior the CIO: in Indianapolis.

The Convention will open with ested in serving on these commitbanquet on Saturday evening, tees is urged to contact the State its outright repeal: to be followed by a Plenary Ses- Office. sion, which will conduct routine business and hear the annual report of the State Chairman.

Committee meetings will fol-committal wiggle when you aren't (Continued on Page 5)

# **Indiana State CIO** Convention

Wayne recently unanimously

by the Indianapolis Steelworkers Chapter and prepared by R. G. Fritzmeier, AVC Organizer. Fritz-The State Office announces that meier explained that this was the first time that any large labor

veterans organization, in recogni-Convention chairman for the fifth tion of its principles and its constructive work.

The text of the resolution folthat Richard Fritzmeier, AVC Steelworkers Organizer, will be lows:

#### RESOLUTION

in charge of the arrangements committee for the Convention. WHEREAS: Out of the second It was further announced that World War, there came a new Vetformer State Chairman George E. erans' organization, the American Winder will be chairman of the Veterans Committee, which has credentials committee, on which James Carter, Muncie AVC chairman, and Randy Frakes, member of Indianapolis No. 1 also will proved itself a friend of labor and an independent, courageous force for a more democratic and prosperous America and a more stable world.

And Marvin Tishcoff.

Roland Dickerson, chairman of WHEREAS: AVC has rightfully addition, a great number of the South Bend Chapter, will earned the help and praise of WHEREAS: AVC has rightfully laid. alternates and observers from the state are expected to attend the Convention. Daily caucus meet-from each chapter will be designated and praise of leaders of organized labor, particularly our President Philip Murray, who said, "My associates and observers from each chapter will be designated by the said of the Laboratory of the Labor ommittee with him.

Other convention appointments, lation, the AVC was always at

WHEREAS: The American Vet-Fifth Annual State Convention, tee and a preliminary resolutions erans Committee (AVC) has State Chairman, the Council ad- Federal Housing Bill last April

Against segregation and for the Another need of the times is a FEPC bills; and typewriter that will make a non-

Against hand-outs to veterans and for housing, education and increased social security for all: and

WHEREAS: President Philip Murray of the CIO and many other national leaders of CIO have roundly endorsed AVC, and the leaders of the CIO in Indiana have found Indiana AVC to be a militant, effective ally in achieving the objectives of Indiana CIO,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED: That the convention of Indiana CIO commends the American Veterans Committee (AVC) and recognizes AVC as a worthy partner and the fight to attain the goals of the labor-liberal movements, and we therefore urge all officers and members thereof to extend every possible practical support to the American Veterans Committee."

Passed unanimously.

### Five Chapters Attend State Council Meeting—Pronounced A Success

With delegates from Indianapolis No. 1, Indianapolis No. 6, South Bend, Plymouth and Bloomington in attendance, The Indiana State CIO at their the last State Council meeting of the year, held in Indianapo-annual convention held at Fort lis last month, successfully addressed itself to a number of problems before the organization.

A report by the State Chairman on State Council Activi-

its courageous stand on issues of interest and benefit to the people of this country.

This resolution was presented ties since the last meeting of the Council opened the meeting. Among other things, this report mentioned great activity on 52-20 extension, which apparently is beginning to bear fruit (see elsewhere in this issue that the Congressional Committee on Veterans Affairs will begin hearing shortly).

State Officers were further ac-

mendation. Plans for a renewed and extended fight for a Fair Em-

closely with the office of the Steel- Council. workers Organizer in forming a new chapter in Muncie.

Council.

The opinion was generally ex-State Council had made better use tee for Public Housing was creataccomplished more than any chapter, that its record would bear head. comparison with that of any other echelon within AVC.

mediate echelons.

on record as opposed to the pro- final action, but a motion to table (Continued on Page 4)

### Public Housing **Authority Created** In Indianapolis

Council of Indianapolis created a tive in cooperating with Indiana- Public Housing Authority Monday, polis No. 1 in its fight for a Housing Authority Monday, nor than 20 letters were written to Indiana Mayors, urging them to appoint Public Housing Authorities for the Capitol City. The vote was strictly along party lines with Democrats Christian Emhardt, Public Housing Authorities for their various cities.

In the field of Civil Rights, AVC

Guy Ross and Mary Connor voting took issue with a Legion proposal for the measure while the Republic took issue with a Legion proposal for the measure, while the Repub-for a State Un-American Activi-ties Committee, and urged the Governor to reject this recom-son, Joseph E. Bright and Charles

The vote concluded a six weeks ployment Practices Act were also fight before the County Council but for the American Veterans Furthermore, the State Council Committee members it was the was active in revitalizing both the realization of an objective for South Bend and Bloomington which the organization has been Chapters, it aided Indianapolis fighting since 1946. Three years No. 1 in planning a comprehensago, AVC sponsored a measure Convention. Daily caucus meetings of the Indiana group have heen scheduled.

Chapter will be designed in a struggle in the halls heen scheduled.

Chapters, it alded indianapolis ago, AVC sponsored a measure engaged in a struggle in the halls ive fall program, and it cooperated which was defeated by the City

> The successful campaign this year was timed to begin with the Following this report by the passage in Washington of the was decided to cooperate closely lute necessity if a Housing Au-Against Taft-Hartley and for with the National Association for thority were to be created in Inthe Advancement of Colored Peo- dianapolis. A Housing Conference, ple, the Labor Unions, and church under AVC impetus and sponsoranti-lynching, anti-poll tax and organizations, in pushing the fight ed by CIO, AFL, NAACP, and for an effective FEPC law at the various social agencies, was held next session of the State Legisla- in mid-April at the World War Memorial. A vast, comprehensive The State Council took issue survey of local housing needs was with a recent pronouncement on presented, and nationally known the part of the National Planning personalities among whom were Committee, which seemed to indi- Andrew Jacobs, Congressman cate a desire to eliminate interme-diate echelons, such as the State Thomas, National Housing Director for the CIO, appeared. Operation of a Housing Authority was pressed that, dollar for dollar, the explained in detail, and a Commitof its funds and energies, and had ed, with Martin Larner, Regional Vice-Chairman of AVC as the

> A resolution calling for the creation of PHA was submitted to the In the meantime, the State City Council late in September Office has been assured by the and an open hearing on the meas-National Office that there is no ure was held October 1st. More of our constituent locals and the intention to interfere in any than 500 persons filled the Counmanner with the work of inter- cil Chambers and a heated three hour session followed. Two weeks The State Council further went later, the measure was called for

(Continued on Page 4)

#### Sondermann's Hooked

Our hard-working AVC state chairman, Fred Sondermann, has a new boss. He has decided, after due consideration, to join the fraternity of married men.

And we hasten to add, it couldn't happen to a nicer couple. The gal is Miss Marion Obermeyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Obermeyer of 4001 Central Ave., Indianapolis.

The two love-birds were honored at a recent reception given by the parents of the bride-to-be. Numerous AVC'ers were present at the occasion.

Miss Obermeyer is a graduate of Shortridge High School and has attended the University of Illinois. She majored in Chem-

Sonderman graduated from Butler last summer and is currently working on his Master's Degree in the field of Government at Indiana University.

The wedding is scheduled for the latter part of January. Free of charge, we hereby advertise for a home for the two lovers. They will live in Bloomington.

Congratulations, and lots of happiness.

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#### **AVC'S FUTURE**

On Thanksgiving week-end, hundreds of devoted AVC'ers from all over the nation-including, we hope, very many from Indiana—will converge on Chicago, there to plot a course for AVC for the next year and for many years to come.

The delegates to the Fourth Annual Convention will be faced with weighty problems and will have to make difficult and far-reaching decisions. They need and deserve not only the confidence and loyalty of the thousands of members whom they represent, but they need the active support of everyone devoted to our organization's aims.

#### Our Problems

If we are to be as honest with ourselves as we have been with others, we must face up to our problems. We must not let them get the best of us, but we must not minimize them

A declining membership (experienced by AVC and other veterans organizations alike), a lack of enthusiasm on the part of many once active members, a too frequent inability to perform efficiently and effectively, a remaining financial in- gree of discrimination in existence, debtedness—all these are problems for which there are no its effects on civil rights and reeasy, off-hand solutions.

In many ways, Chicago will be the real test of AVC's ability to play a constructive and meaningful role in the pattern of our American democracy. Unless we demonstrate there that we know how to solve our own problems, our proposed solutions for larger problems will be greeted with justified

To be frank about AVC's problem is not to be defeatist. We need more frank evaluation and discussion of our shortcomings and less defeatist talk. To give up when the going gets rough has never yet solved a single problem.

As long as millions of Americans are ill-housed, are discriminated against, are faced with a declining standard of living . . . as long as the threat of depression and war hangs over us, there is a real need for AVC.

Our task now is to think—and work—as we have never thought—as we have never worked—before, because "it is not the beginning of a thing, but the continuing of the same until it is thoroughly finished, that yieldeth the true glory."

#### Our Record

There are many bright sides to AVC's record during the in need of many articles to repast year. Above all, AVC'ers would be remiss in their duty if they failed to pay tribute to the devoted, selfless leadership which has characterized the past year's National Administra-

Under the most difficult and trying circumstances, our ber an NSLI application blank. national officers, Gil Harrison and Joe Clorety, aided by many Regional Chairmen and NPC members, have done a job for Have You which they deserve unstinting praise.

They deserve grateful recognition on the part of every one of us.

#### A Look Ahead

Our program for 1950 must be based on the realization Convention must be made by all that in all likelihood we will not soon become a mass organization. Our efforts must therefore be geared to a gradual, constant, healthy growth of our present hard core of strength, combined with unceasing efforts to build upon this solid foundation an active, vigorous, and flexible organization, able to advance AVC's program at every possible opportunity.

A realistic program for 1950 must include increased emphasis on the issues which command the support of all AVC'ers, an end to the fratricidal warfare which has sapped so much of our strength, and a new national administration which will combine breadth of vision with efficiency and prac-

tical experience in AVC work on all levels. It must include a streamlining of our organizational structure, increased efficiency on all levels, so that many of the functions now burdening the national office can be decentralized, a pursuit of achievable short-range as well as longrange objectives, an increased emphasis on community issues the room you desire. and veterans service, a more effective Public Relations pro-

part of every AVC'er to the ideals which prompted him to uniqueness, has so much to offer. join the organization—ideals which have as much validity now as they did in earlier years.

This is the most important contribution which all of us

### What Chapters In Other States Are Doing

Nashville, Tenn.—This chapter reports that passing out AVC book matches remains good public relations. Not content with its present club room, the chapter is planning to better this situation. Recent speakers to membership meetings have included Ralph Fleming on "World Government," and Dr. Ross Lomantz, atomic scientist, on "Science as a Citizen." Chapter members, their families and friends, spend every fifth Sunday on a picnic, outing, or some social affair by way of developing closer acquaintance and strengthening chapter ties.

Tulsa, Okla-This is another successful chapter which attributes its health to a varied program of activity. Recent highlights included an overflow membership meeting to hear Dr. E. N. a steak fry, and other social activities.

Mt. Vernon Chapter, N. Y .- This chapter is co-sponsoring with a number of Mt. Vernon churches, Y. M. C. A., B'nai B'rith and other community organizations a survey of discrimination in housing, recreation, employment, education, religion, and welfare agencies operating in Mt. Vernon. The survey is intended to determine the delated questions.

University of Wyoming Chapter -Here is one of AVC's most recently chartered chapters, which has already found the key to successful operation. The chapter sponsored a book drive, which netted over 400 books for distribu-

war-devastated schools abroad. They are organizing a baseball team among Navajo Indians in Laramie, and planning a playground in Vets Village, the college housing development for student veterans and their fami-

Freedom Chapter, Cleveland, O. is cooperating with UNESCO by conducting a drive for note books, pencils, rulers, maps, globes and other basic educational materials. All items collected will be sent to schools in the Philippines, still place damage done during the

Business and Professional Chapter, Chicago—mailed every mem-

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who plan to attend the Pow-wow. You can do so by writing directly to the Congress Hotel, Michigan Avenue at Congress Street, Chicago 5, Illinois, specifying the kind alienable, rights to life, liberty, of accommodations you desire.

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#### **Tentative Program For State Convention**

Saturday, January 7, 1949

3:00-6:00 P. M.-Registration of Delegates 3:00-5:30 P. M.-Committee Meetings

a. Constitutional Revisions Committee

b. Nominations Committee c. Resolutions Committee

6:00-8:00 P. M.-Banquet (Guest Speaker)

8:00-10:00 P. M.-First Plenary Session

Report of Credentials Committee

Adoption of Rules

Keynote Address

Reports of State Officers

Report of Constitutional Amendments Committee

Voting on Constitutional Amendments

Report of Resolutions Committee

Voting on Resolutions

#### Sunday, January 8, 1949

9:30-12:00 Noon-Second Plenary Session Invocation Report of Nominations Committee Election of new officers Unfinished Business Miscellaneous Business Adjournment

12:30-1:30-Luncheon

Note: In the event that it is impossible to take care of all business during the Sunday morning session, it may be necessary to call a short Sunday afternoon session.

The State Office welcomes all suggestions with respect to changes in this proposed schedule.

#### An American Creed

The following are excerpts from the remarks made by Mr. Charles M. LaFollette, former Republican Congressman from Indiana, Governor-General of Wuerttemberg-Baden, and present National Director of the Americans for Democratic Action, at a National Full Employment Conference.

We assert that the people of the United States do not exist

for the promotion of their wel-

fare. Any other construction of

the American democratic ethic

would define the United States as

a nation in which the people were

given the freedom to assemble in

lists and extortionists the free-

dom to pick their pockets. We re-

fuse to be frightened into the

hands of domestic reactionaries

by a Hallowe'en pumpkin labeled

the people who voted the New

to see was theirs—and the promise

that some day they would attain

was to secure these rights that this

Government was instituted. The

pursuit of happiness is far differ-

man whose sole right to own job-

producing property is that given

him by the government of the peo-

ple. Liberty is the right to enjoy

equal treatment and justice under

law. It is not the license to use

"Our heritage includes the un-

#### awarded Honorary Memberships to Dr. Ralph Bunche and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt "for distinguished service to the peoples of the United Nations.' Only one other such membership (to Bishop Bernard J., Sheil) has been previously awarded by Mrs. Roosevelt, acclaimed for the economic system of this counher contribution to the advancetry exists to meet the legitimate needs of the people. By every test ment of human rights, is a delegate to the General Assembly of of the American ethic, it is clear that those who own the means of production and distribution hold it

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**Bunche Honorary** 

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the National Planning Committee

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the UN, while Dr. Bunche, famed for his conciliatory leadership in the Israel-Arab controversey, is at the sufferance of the American now Director of the Department of people and subject to their power. Trusteeship of the UN. Acting through their government In a letter from Secretary of and within the limits of the Constitution, the people exercise the right to have such property used

State Dean Acheson to the National Chairman, the former said, 'You have my congratulations upon your selection of these two distinguished Americans who fully deserve the honor you confer upon them by this action.'

#### debating societies and the monopo-Bloomington Elects Officers

The Indiana University Chapter of the American Veterans Comthe Welfare State, held in the mittee named ELMER WARD, one of the oldest and most devoted quaking hands of elder statesmen whose own welfare is adequately AVC'ers in the State, to the Chaircared for and who never believed manship in an election held on in New Deal anyway. The masses October 17th.

Reservations for the National Deal into power still await the Brooks as Chapter Treasurer, and full life it gave them the vision Hansel Hall as Chapter Secretary.

Congratulations to all three of them on a well-earned recognition, and best wishes for a successful administration.

and the pursuit of happiness. It duced. And the law, unless it represents the consent of the governed, is not the law which the Declaration of Independence guarent from spending our lives in the antees us as a part of our heritage.

"The American people have accepted the proposition that a private enterprise economy regulated by the people through their government can be so managed as to give us the heritage which the Declaration of Independence proclaims. But the burden is not upon us to prove our right to insist that this system be run for our welfare. The burden is upon the forces of privilege, the elder statesmen, and those for whom they speak, to prove their willingness to help assure the realization of our heritage while they continue to enjoy the personal bounty which the system has brought

wages to consume the goods program, and continued close liaison with friendly organizations. can make to the continued existence of an organization which Above all, 1950 demands a renewed dedication on the is unique on the American scene, and which, through its

> Fred A. Sondermann Indiana State Chairman American Veterans Committee them."

### Proposed Convention Rules, Fifth Annual State Convention, AVC

ARTICLE I-VOTING

Section 1.—Procedural Matters

(a) Each accredited delegate shall be entitled to one vote on mat-

(b) Any motion to amend, annul, repeal, or rescind any part of ent committee. convention procedure shall require a majority vote.

Section 2.—Substantive Matters

(a) Votes on revision of Constitution, the election of State Officers, Resolutions, and other substantive\*

shown.

as other chapters.

tional Amendments.

may dictate.

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Section 3.—Each chapter shall

be entitled to one convention dele-

gate to each five members or ma-

jority fraction thereof. These dele-

gates are to be elected at a chapter

meeting of which due notice has

been given, and their names are

to be submitted to the State Office

prior to the convening of the Con-

ARTICLE III—COMMITTEES

Section 1.—Convention Commit-

tees shall be: Credentials, Resolu-

tions, Nominations, and Constitu-

Section 2.—The Chairman of

each committee shall be previous-

make changes as circumstances

Section 3—The State Chairman

shall be authorized to appoint pre-

with the work of the Convention,

to serve until such time as the

Section 4—Each delegate on a

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matters shall be tabulated on the basis of delegates' per capita representation.

(b) Each chapter delegate shall have the number of votes determined by dividing the total vote of his chapter as of the Opening date of the Convention by the number of delegates in attendance from that chapter.

(c) Voting on substantive matters shall be tabulated by chapters, the Chairman of each delegation polling his delegates and recording the votes.

#### ARTICLE II—ACCREDITATION Section 1.

(a) Each chapter shall be entitled to as many votes as it has members who are paid up to the State Council. (The State Council's share shall be 20 percent and the National Office's share 60 percent of each member's dues).

(b) These dues must be paid by 6:00 p. m. of the opening day of the Convention.

(c) Proof required shall be either National Office rosters or a copy of the National Transmittal form marked "Paid" by the State Treasurer. These also must be dated prior to 6:00 p. m., on the opening day of the Convention.

(d) No member shall be counted regular Convention Committees are more than once for purposes of prepared to function. Convention representation.

(e) The above clauses (Article II, committee shall have one vote on man. Section 1 (a), (b) and (c) may be matters considered in committee suspended by action of the Cre-session.

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Section 6. — Each Convention Committee shall hold an open Fight Continues meeting prior to the adoption of meeting prior to the adoption of its final draft for plenary action, and no proposal shall be discussed ter chairmen, Andrew Rice, deputy and no proposal shall be discussed at plenary sessions unless it shall can have been presented to the pertin-

sent from the majority opinion, a reports follow below: minority report shall be drafted time shall be allotted speakers for Section 2. — Chapter organized both propositions and the vote of Charter application, be accredited report constituting the expression and allowed to vote on all matters of the convention.

#### ARTICLE IV-PLENARY SESSIONS

Section 1.—The State Chairman or a person designated by him shall preside at all Plenary Sessions. He s charged with the responsibility of the agenda, the time allotted each section, and must be recognized as the final authority in parliamentary procedure.

#### Section 2.—Constitutional Amendmenis

tutional Amendments Committee stood alone in the battle, but its shall be the Temporary Chairman Constitutional Amendments.

(b) There shall be no proposal servers recognize this. . . ly designated by the State Chairfor revision of the Constitution man, who will be empowered to from the floor.

on the floor with respect to the revisions of the Constitution, except on the provisions of the majority liminary Committees in connection and/or minority reports from the tions Committee before voting Constitutional Amendments Committee. Time limits for presentation of majority and minority drafts and for discussion thereon shall be designated by the Chair-

> (d) Any revision of the Constitution shall be deemed passed if shall be approved by a simple majority of the total number of votes represented at the Conven-

Section 4.—Nominations And

(a) The chairman of the Nomina-

tions Committee shall be the Tem-

porary Chairman of the Plenary

**Elections Of Officers** 

#### Section 5—Each chapter shall be National Housing

housing chairman of the American Veterans Committee, discussed the job behind AVC in the Housing field and the equally Section 7.—In the event that a important job ahead of our orminority of a committee shall disganization. Pertinent parts of his

"1949 has been a good year for on such proposition. When such housing. The greatest feature of minority report is presented, equal the year was the passage by Congress—after four long years of stalling—of the Housing Act of but not yet chartered may, upon the Plenary Session shall be final, 1949. This act provided for a fedbut not yet chartered may, upon the Plenary Session shall be final, presentation of signatures and either the majority or the minority erally assisted program of slum it that the Housing Act already clearance, urban redevelopment. low-rental housing, housing research, and farm housing. It is a good law, even better than the Taft-Ellender-Wagner Bill of past

"AVC can take a lot of credit for the passage of this legislation. It is no secret that AVC's crusading fight for adequate housing poses of the new law." legislation since 1945 has been the sparkplug which finally galvanized into action in support of the Indiana Caucus bill this year all veterans organizations. It's been a long uphill (a) The Chairman of the Consti- pull since the days when AVC constant efforts have quite literof the Plenary Session dealing with ally forced other veteran groups to support the bill. Qualified ob-

(b) The Nominations Committee Fred Sondermann. (c) There shall be no discussion shall nominate not more than three candidates for each office.

> (c) A complete slate of officers shall be presented by the Nomina- arrival at Chicago, and to advise shall begin.

(d) Nominations from the floor shall be in order.

(e) All voting for the election of officers shall be done by chapter. Chairman of each chapter delegation will record the votes.

(f) The State Chairman, Administrative Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian shall be gates. Everyone is urged to attend chosen by a majority vote at the these meetings

Plenary Session of the Convention

(g) The District Vice-Chairman WITH 330 GENERALS shall be elected by a majority vote of chapters in their districts.

(h) In instances not covered by these rules, the Roberts Rules of Session dealing with Election of Order will be the guide of pro-

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job will be working for a secon-housing bill—of equal or great importance to the one already adopted. This is the "middle-income" housing bill which provides direct government aid for the construction of homes for people in the \$2,500 to \$4,000 income bracket. This session of Congress considered the bill (S. 2246, the Sparkman Bill) but decided to shelve it until January. Explanatory material on the bill-which promotes cooperative housing projects-is now being prepared and will be ready by the time Con-

adopted actually is put to work in the local community. As we've pointed out before, not a single slum will be cleared, nor a single low - rent housing project built, until the local city council approves. The real estate lobby, defeated nationally, is now going to work locally to defeat the pur-

Meetings

All delegates, alternates and observers from Indiana chapters at the National Convention are hereby notified that there will be a caucus meeting of the entire Indiana delegation daily at 5:30 p. m. in the room of State Chairman

All Indiana people at the Convention are asked to contact the State Chairman immediately upon him of their Room Number in the Hotel, so that they can be con-

State caucus meetings will serve as a gathering point for the Indiana delegation, with the aim of making our efforts at the Convention as effective as possible. Speakers from various caucuses will be invited to discuss convention issues with the Indiana dele-

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#### **News Releases**

For the convenience of Chapter Secretaries and Public Relations cers we reproduce below forms of publicity releases pertaining to al participation in the national convention which were recently sent to all chapters by the National Office. We wish to point out that similary worded releases can also be used by all chapters in connection with the forthcoming State Convention.

1. Election Release
DATE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

chapter of the American Veterans Committee has designated..... delegates to represent the chapter at AVC's fourth annual convention over the Thanksgiving Day weekend in Chicago. The delegates are...

(Names and Addresses)

Alternate convention delegates elected by the

chapter include

The forthcoming national conclave of the World War II veterans group is expected to draw hundreds of delegates and observers from many sections of the U. S., including a number of nationally known figures. Sessions will open on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, and continue until Sunday, November 27 at Chicago's Congress Hotel.

"The 1949 AVC convention will have its biggest task," according to the convention of the local chapter, "the job of charting a specific AVC course in the year ahead fully in keeping with the young organization's declared program of

fully in keeping with the young organization's declared program of forward looking veteran activity on a community basis as well as on a national scale.'

2. Departure Release

local members of the chapter of the American Veterans Committee, designated by the membership to represent the chapter as delegates to the fourth annual AVC convention at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, Thanksgiving Day weekend, will leave for Chicago and the convention.

The delegates are.

(Names and Addresses)

Alternate convention delegates designated by the chapter and also leaving with the group will be:

The AVC national convention sessions will open Thanksgiving Day, November 24 and continue until Sunday, November 27.

the local chapter, the convention will be attended by hundreds of delegates and observers from many sections of the country, as well as by a number of nationally prominent guests.

#### Public Housing— (Continued from Page 1)

feat, inasmuch as several minor points were used as the focal point to eradicate slums. I don't believe for the opposition to the PHA. AVC

held a conference at the World War Memorial Friday night, November 4 at which time authorities from other cities in the state having authorities explained the workings of the measure in their

tain a clear survey of housing mittee, with an Executive Secre-

needs." Member Joseph Wicker, Jr,. also offered an explanation for his vote, stating that ever it presented by Jameson was sus-PHA was created in '37, the tained by a vote of 5 to 3. PHA measure "was intended to provide proponents considered this a de- low cost housing for those who can't afford decent housing and such a thing can hurt our free

> Public Housing Authorities have been created in 600 cities nationally and a dozen Indiana cities have had one from four to

enterprise system.

ten years. Creation of a PHA is necessary before federal funds At the City Council session on of low cost housing for low incan be used for the construction Monday, Council President Christian Emhardt gave his reluctant O. K. to the measure, stating that he objected to "government inter- veys and to recommend vast slum ference," but that he would vote clearing programs. Five volunfor the measure "in order to ob- teer members compose the Com-

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no indication to date as to who will compose the Authority local- alarming proportions. ly. He has not signed the measure as yet, but it is assumed he will, every individual to examine closeinasmuch as the Housing program ly any proposals which will lead Democratic policy.

was the coordinating agency for from the above mentioned agencies. Individuals especially outstanding in the success of the measure were Martin Larner and Maria Burkette, Housing Chairman for the VFW Auxiliary.

## State Council—

(Continued from Page 1)

posed NPC \$1.00 assessment on all members would refuse to renew if dues were raised.

Finally, after prolonged discussion, the State Council instructed its Chairman to urge the National Office to take a stand against the hysteria which apparently was brought about by the recent conviction of top Communist leaders, and to see to it that a plank embodying the Council's opinions on this question be embodied in the National Platform at the Chicago Convention.

No formal resolution was passed concerning this issue, the following statement, drawn up by Randy Frakes of Indianapolis No. 1, seems to embody the general opinion of the delegates at the State Council meeting:

"We in AVC bitterly resent the hasty action taken by several organizations regarding the findings in the recent conviction of eleven leaders of the Communist Party.

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tary being the implementing The hysteria generated by a de- clear-cut unequivocal stand. As force. Mayor Al Feeney has given liberate misinterpretation of the often before in our history, AVC's

is in accordance with national to the arrest of citizens because of the political views they hold and As has been pointed out in advocate. Once having approved earlier paragraphs, AVC provided of a program of persecutions based the initial push for the PHA, and on guilt by association or teaching of revolutionary ideas, we will the excellent support received find no stopping place short of the very 'police state' we so vigorously denounce."

State Contacts National

Pursuant to the wish of the State Council, the State Office has written to the National Office, urging action on this issue. Com-mending the National Office for its forthright stand in connection with the recent, disgraceful Peekskill riots, the State Chairman not-ed that "the excellent statement posed NPC \$1.00 assessment on all ed that "the excellent statement members for the year 1950. This stand was taken although it was clearly recognized that a great need for funds existed on the National level, but it was based on the consideration that many forthrightly maintain its tradimembers would refuse to revew tional defense of Civil Rights for tional defense of Civil Rights for all our citizens."

The communication emphasized that "Needless to say, we have no personal or ideological sympathy with the eleven men who were convicted. But whether we like it or not, we have been placed in a position where we have to take a

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verdict has already assumed may be the only sane voice in a wilderness, but that makes it all the more important that the voice be heard and made effective with all the vigor at our command.

"What we are primarily con-cerned about," the communication continued, "is the hysteria which is already threatening to engulf us as a result of the New York verdict."

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#### Report On National Health Insurance

the Public Affairs Institute, show- or two after the application of the ing that the nation can well afford plan cannot be larger than that the small additional cost of na- estimated by the Social Security tional health insurance, was sub- Administration unless they are to mitted to Congress today by the be paid at higher rates than at Committee for the Nation's Health, present." which is leading the fight for President Truman's health prohealth insurance was placed at \$5.5 each locality.' billion, the net cost at \$1.1 billion.

Committee on Research in Medical to 1948 prices, Soule estimated the Economics and the Public Affairs costs of national health insurance Institute was submitted to Chair- as follows man Elbert Thomas of the Senate Labor Committee and Robert Crosser of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, the two committees considering national health insurance leglislation. It was drafted by George Soule, well known student, teacher and writer on economic subjects He analyzed various estimates of the cost of national health insurance and concluded that the "most reliable" was made by the Social Security Administration in 1945, of national health insurance would which, revised for increased prices since that time, places the cost of difference between this figure and a national health insurance program at about \$5.5 billion a year.

This estimate was based upon the premise that the present corps of doctors would provide about 25 percent more medical care under national health insurance than at present, by using full time the doctors, chiefly the younger ones, whose time is not now fully occu-

Soule gave no serious study to the recent estimates by the Ameriplan might cost up to \$18,000,000,-000 a year. He dismissed such estimates with the brief statement average income for doctors of \$80,000 a year.

"Since the number of doctors would enable people to pay who

A research report sponsored cannot be increased on short no-jointly by the Committee on Re-tice," Soule reported, "the cost of search in Medical Economics and their services during the first year

Hospital benefits also are limited, Soule continued, "by the numgram. The gross cost of national ber of hospital beds available in

Revising the 1945 estimates of The report, prepared for the the Social Security Administration

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Explaining that the actual cos not be this much, but only the what we are now paying for such medical care, Soule said:

"Just as the automobile buyer turns in his old car as part payment for his new one, the American people would thus 'exchange' medical service now received for a somewhat larger amount of service. The cost of this larger amount is estimated at \$5.5 billion. Since this is approximately 25 percent greater than the cost of similar services now paid for by the incan Medical Association that the sured, the net money cost would be the difference. This would be 20 percent of \$5.5 billion or \$1.1 billion for one year. This cost arises, that any such cost would mean an solely on account of the additional services which the insurance might immediately provide, because it

now cannot afford to do so."

than half of one percent of the bill. \$257.8 billion dollars a year the American people must consider, all of these organizations cooperanot they want the benefits of national health insurance.

Soule pointed out that his analysis took no account of the possibil- AVC intends to work for a state ity that national health insurance might reduce the total of disease and disability and thus pay for itself "many times over." He said "many millions of dollars are spent every year in paying the costs of disease which might have been prevented or lessened by diagnosis and treatment in early stages" and added that "an enormous number of manhours of labor are lost to the nation because of needless dis-

### **AVC Begins 1951** Fight For FEPC

State Civil Rights Director Dr. Wallace P. Rusterholtz, announced that the organization has already begun its fight for a Fair Employment Practices Law for passage by the 1951 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

At the same time the State Council will exert every effort to aid in the passage of a national

strongly by President Truman and Administration supporters, although the rules change in the Senate will make passage more difficult than ever before

one of the primary aims of AVC during the past session of the legislature. Since our efforts at that time were unavailing, we are preparing to wage the fight again, even more effectively and-we - more successfully next

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Council and the Church Federa-This net cost of \$1.1 billion dol- tion, in an effort to build a united lars, Soule said, amounts to less front to fight for passage of this

In these contacts, the State American people were spending in late 1948. This is the cost the of the State Council, has offered Soule said, in deciding whether or tion and support for a recently-initiated program of voluntary Fair Employment Practices, indicating at the same time, however, that statute on this subject during the next session of the legislature.

It is considered important that AVC'ers contact members of the it. legislature in the home districts to discuss this subject with them, urging favorable action.

#### A Practical Contribution To Understanding

Portland AVC Documents

part of an AVC chapter came to our attention in a recent issue of the State and the National level, the "New Veteran," the official may shortly have results. organ of the Oregon State Council,

When a Mayor's Committee on Civil Rights in Portland held a hearing in connection with a recommendation for a Civil Rights ordinance in that city, AVC pre-Fair Employment Practices Bill during the coming session of the 31st Congress.

There are some indications that such a measure will be pushed to the distribution of the during the country of the co mentation of its viewpoint, compiled by a committee of six AVC members.

Portland AVC surveyed the pattern of racial discrimination in low this session. Two Plenary On the State level, FEPC was in Portland establishments catering to the public, such as restaurants, hotels, theatres, etc.

Each member of the special committee formed for this purpose worked in one or two special fields and through sampling techniques gathered the pattern of discrimination in each field.

The survey revealed that in the he has been in contact with the city racial discrimination persisted American Federation of Labor, the in places which were for public Congress of Industrial Organiza- use. It further showed that there tions, the National Association for was no effort made by those who the Advancement of Colored Peo- maintain these practices to show ple, the Community Relations that they are forced into them by

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public insistance. Rather, it found, resistance to even the su gestion of corrective steps was a most universal in restaurants, hotels and places of entertainment.

It was further documented that several of the amusement parks in the city discriminated against

The local AVC chapter held that Racial discrimination, although broad and general in practice, was not a phenomenon native to Portland. This gave point to the conclusion that more citizens objected to discrimination than condoned

From where we, in Indiana, sit it seems that this kind of factual, constructive effort is the best kind of community service any AVC chapter can render, and we hope that a growing number of AVC chapters everywhere will emulate Portland's example.

#### 52-20 Fight To Pay Off

One of the most constructive tension of the Unemployment Compensation Provisions of the G. I. Bill (52-20) waged both on

It has been announced that the House Veterans Affairs Commit-tee will hold hearings on this subject, in spite of the previous strenuous opposition on the part of its chairman, Representative Rankin. All chapters are urged to communicate with their Congressman while he is home, to ask him to vote for this measure when it comes up.

## National, State-

(Continued from Page 1)

meetings are planned for Sunday, with the morning session devoted to resolutions and miscellaneous business, and, after a luncheon for the delegates, an early afternoon session at which State Officers for the coming year will be elected.

It is hoped that the Convention can be brought to a close in the early afternoon.

Pre-Convention Rules are printed elsewhere in this issue. All chapters are urged to elect thier delegates (one for every five paid-up members or majority fraction thereof) at an early date and to inform the State Office of those elections.

Furthermore, chapters are urged to draw up proposed resolutions, to be submitted to a Pre-Convention Resolutions Committee at the earliest practicable time, in order to assure a smooth conduct of business at the Convention. Finally, chapters are urged to discuss possible candidates for all State Offices for the coming year.

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#### Institutional Provisions For The Convention

Below is a reprint of pertinent articles of the Constitution of the Indiana State Council of the American Veterans Committee, dealing with the subject of the State Convention:

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

Section A. A State Convention of the Indiana State Council of the American Veterans Committee shall be held annually. The Executive

trict only.

November 8.

member in good standing in an

AVC chapter located within the

district for which he is elected. Each District Vice-Chairman shall

be elected by Convention dele-

gates from chapters from his dis-

Four German teachers visiting

this country under the auspices of

the Overseas Teachers' Relief Fund were guests at the weekly

AVC luncheon in Indianapolis at the Central Y. M. C. A., Tuesday,

With one of the largest gather-

ings ever to attend the luncheon

on hand, the teachers were exposed

to an hour of questions submitted

from the floor. Many of the lun-

cheon group were concerned with

in Indianapolis. Much of the suc-

series of programs arranged by

Irving Fink, program chairman.

Among those to appear to address

health plans; G. Howard Caughran, local U. S. District Attorney.

along democratic concepts.

Committee shall be responsible for all convention arrangements, in-cluding ample advance notifica-member in good standing in an tion and proper representation of each Indiana chapter. Each chapter shall be entitled to one convention delegate to each five members or majority fraction thereof, based on the total number of chapter members whose dues to the State Council are paid prior to 6:00 p. m. the day the Conven-German Teachers tion opens, providing, however, that each state dues payment be Are Guests At substantiated by a transmittal to the National Office dated previous

AVC Luncheon to that date. The voting strength of the chapters shall likewise be based on paid state dues. The site of each annual convention shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the delegate body of the previous Convention, or by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a simple majority vote of the annual convention. . .

ARTICLE VI. Section A. The officers of the

Indiana State Council of AVC shall be a Chairman, Administrative Vice-Chairman, three District Vice-Chairmen, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be officers and voting members of the Executive Committee. There shall also be an Historian, whose duties will be to keep a narrative account of the history and development of the Indiana State Council of the American Veterans Committee. These officers shall be elected annually by the State Convention. The State Officers shall not be included in determining the number of representatives of each chapter on the Executive Commit-

Vice-Chairman must be a member in good standing of a chapter in the city in which the state headquarters is maintained, unless the chairman is elected from that city. All delegates to the Convention shall be entitled to vote for the office of Administrative Vice-Chairman. He shall be the administrative assistant to the Chairman, and in the absence of the Chairman shall act in his administrative capacity. Each Dis-

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(1) The position you leave is other than temporary.

(2) You are honorably discharged from the armed services.

(3) It is your first enlistment under this act and for a period of not more than 3 years, unless extended by law.

(4) You apply for reemployment within 90 days after discharge or from hospitalization continuing after discharge for a period of 1 similar to the following would suf-

(5) If a private employer, his Name and address of employer circumstances have not so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to rehire you.

(6) You are still qualified to perform the duties of the position.

the lack of democratic concepts If you cannot perform the duties existing in Germany and were of the opinion that little was being of your position because of dis-abilities sustained during service done to educate the German youth in the armed forces but are qualified to perform the duties of any other position, you will be en-titled to be restored to such posi-The luncheon, incidentally, has become increasingly successful tion the duties of which you are and is recognized as one of the qualified to perform and which strong points for AVC activity will provide you with a position of like seniority, status, and pay, or cess has been due to the strong the nearest approximation thereof consistent with the circumstances of the case.

the weekly gatherings has been Michael Straight, Editor of the You will also be entitled upon restoration to your former position New Republic and an AVC memto full seniority and other benefits ber; Nathan Berman, psychologist; offered by your employer in aca doctor explaining the "middle of cordance with established rules the road" approach to national and practices relating to employees

status; and you may not be dis-Future speakers include radio charged from such position with-commentators Gilbert Forbes and out cause within 1 year after Frank Edwards. The group meets restoration.

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I am leaving your employ to enter the armed forces under the Selective Service Act of 1948. It is my understanding that this act provides reemployment rights for servicemen.

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ment rights. This is done in co- military service as a career or operation with other Federal and upon discharge do not desire to State agencies and with the as- return to your job, it will be help-

U. S. Department of Labor Bureau of Veterans' Reemployment Rights, Washington, D. C.

#### Muncie Chapter In Full Swing

In spite of a vicious attack on the AVC on the part of a well-known Muncie hate-sheet, the Muncie Chapter has already swung into the kind of action which spells success.

The first community issue which this newest branch of our organization is going to tackle is the Muncie taxi cab situation.

Recently new meters were installed in these cabs, which are now charging exhorbitant rates. According to an unofficial estimate, cab fares have gone up as much as thirty percent. Chapter Chairman Carter appointed a five-man investigating committee to present the chapter with a concrete plan on how to face this problem.

An invitation was also extended to the State Chairman to attend the meeting of the Muncie Chapter, to speak on the inner workings of AVC. Due to the press of other business, the State Chairman regretfully had to decline this invitation, but sent in-If, upon expiration of your per- stead a three-page memorandum, iod of active duty in the armed outlining the relationship of the forces, you wish to exercise your various echelons of AVC to one reemployment rights, be sure to another, with special emphasis on apply for reinstatement within chapter authority and freedom of

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#### **Bloomington Active In** Rent Control Fight

When the Bloomington City Council met October 18th to decide the future of Rent Controls in that community, the local AVC chapter was on hand to fight for continued controls. At a meeting held the previous night, the following resolution had been passed:

Whereas, a serious housing shortage still exists in the City of Bloomington, making it difficult for its residents to secure adequate living accommodations at prices they can afford to pay, and

Whereas, This situation particularly affects students of Indiana University, who comprise a large percentage of the Bloomington population, and a complete lifting of all controls at the present time might well have the effect of making it financially difficult, and in some cases impossible, for students at the University to continue their studies in Bloomington, Now Therefore

Be It Resolved, that the Indiana University Chapter of the American Veterans Committee urge the City Council to maintain Rent Controls in Bloomington until such time as the supply of housing and the demand for housing in this city are in approximate balance."

The AVC Resolution was laid before the City Council and ably Liberalism in America today. We advocated by Dr. McPheron of the Bureau of Government Research at Indiana University, a member of the local chapter. Labor Union the CIO in assuring a higher officials and representatives of the Progressive Party also spoke in favor of continued controls.

However, the City Council moved to request a lifting of Rent Controls effective February 1st. This request has to be approved by the our people to live in decent self-Governor before it can become effective.

The local AVC chapter has taken its fight right to the Governor's office. In a detailed exposition, drafted by the State Chairman, it has urged Governor Schricker to disallow the request of the Bloomington City Council, just as he disallowed a similar request on the part of the Lafayette Council.

A petition drive on the campus, urging rejection of the request is also in full swing and plans are being made, in cooperation with local Labor Unions, to pursue this institution." issue so that the Governor will reject the City Council Resolution.

The AVC has submitted evidence that a tremendous housing shortage exists in Bloomington, and that if rent controls are removed, a number of students will no longer be able to continue their schooling. It told the Governor that:

"The only thing which now American tradition. stands between a majority of Bloomington citizens and students program are designed to meet the Resolution. . . We urge you to ord of cooperation with the Amerizens to maintain a decent stand- march forward by your side. ard of living, and for I. U. students to complete their education at this time to the close cooperation

he will give the AVC testimony his ertion was never more evident

and Chapter Chairman on the one hand and the Bloomington Federa- dial on this issue. tion of Labor on the other has

#### AVC Congratulates The CIO

On the occasion of the CIO State Convention, the following letter was dispatched to Mr. Neal Edwards, President of the Indiana Congress of Industrial Organiza-

"My dear Mr. Edwards:
"It is a real pleasure to extend our cordial greetings and good wishes to the Indiana State Industrial Union Council and its members on the occasion of its Annual Convention.

"We in the American Veterans Committee know from experience that your organization is not only one of our staunchest friends, but is also the foremost exponent of salute the great achievements of standard of living not only for its members, but for all Americans, making it possible for millions of respect, and with an increased sense of security worthy of the

"Because your policies and your and tremendous financial hardships needs of the American people, we is your power to withhold your ap- in AVC, as members of the only proval from the City Council veterans organization with a recmake a decision which will make can Labor Union movement, are it possible for Bloomington citi- proud to stand and fight and Dickerson Elected

"I want to bear testimony at this which has prevailed between your The Governor has indicated that organization and ours. This coopevery consideration in deciding on the action he will take.

Cooperation between the State than during the last session of the State Legislature, when AVC and the CIO promoted practically identically identically identically in the cooperation of the state than during the last session of the cooperation between the State than during the last session of the cooperation between the State than during the last session of the cooperation between the State than during the last session of the cooperation between the State than during the last session of the cooperation between the State than during the last session of the cooperation between the State than during the last session of the cooperation between the State than during the last session of the cooperation between the state than during the last session of the cooperation between the state than during the last session of the cooperation between the state than during the last session of the cooperation between the state than during the last session of the cooperation between the state than during the last session of the cooperation between the state than during the last session of the cooperation between the state than during the last session of the cooperation between the cooperation be

In addition, in letters to the been encouragingly close and corwith several City officials and bigwigs, Chapter Chairman Ward and correctly—pointed

### Review Of AVC Legislative Techniques

Some time ago, the State Chairman was asked to speak before a biennial meeting of the Indiana Jewish Community Relations Council on the techniques employed by AVC during the last session of the State Legislature, and the lessons learned by this organization.

The techniques of legislative activity employed by AVC during last session of the legislature included: general mailings to all ists"; personal letters, phone calls, and telegrams, particularly to 

some respects, and in 1951—again testimony before appropriate comfighting together—we will be successful in even more fields.

"On the national as well as on the State level, the AVC-CIO cooperation has meant a great deal to all of us, has been effective, salutory, and mutually advantageous. The only gap still remaining in this pattern of cooperation is on the local level, where AVC-CIO efforts must be integrated lows: even more.

"To the achievement of this aim, we in AVC are dedicated.

"I ask you to express to the delegates at your Convention the warmest good wishes which we in the American Veterans Committee have for the continued success and growth of one of the greatest organizations of our time."

Cordially, Fred A Sondermann State Chairman American Veterans Committee

### Chairman At South Bend

In a recent chapter election, Roland Dickerson, well-known to his fellow-AVC'ers throughout the state for his long and devoted service to the organization, was elected to head the revitalized South Bend AVC Chapter.

At the same meeting, Marvin Tishcoff was elected to represent the Chapter at the National Convention in Chicago.

tical aims. We were successful in lature and some of its committees: and Senators from constituents in their home districts; a "letter to the editor" campaign on certain issues; and, finally, personal contact with Governor Schricker.

The lessons which AVC learned from our experience with the 86th General Assembly, and which we hope to apply in 1951, are as fol-

1. We will continue to stick to a few specific objectives. It would be most inadvisable to spread our efforts too thin.

2. We plan to contact legislators in various areas of the State from time to time, and to present them with facts and figures on specific issues in which we are interested.

3. We will increasingly plan our programs along with members of the legislature who share our point of view.

4. We plan to talk to all candidates before they are elected.

On the problem of improving the liaison between the various organizations interested in the same general program as AVC is, the State Chairman made the following suggestions:

1. It is not too early even now to plan precisely which issues we wish to stress during the next session of the legislature.

2. Starting at least a half year before elections, all organizations interested should undertake a canvass of candidates on the issues of concern to us.

3. The various organizations should furnish one another with names and addresses of local

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The chapter meets every second leaders, so that local groups will out that the problem was one of a shortage of housing, and that it should be tackled at its source:

The chapter meets every second leaders, so that local groups will know whom to contact to devise and W. Streets, and is presently local plans. conducting an energetic membership drive.

meeting in this issue were based.

4. A continuous educative process should be carried on, not only

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### **Proof Positive:** AVC Run From The Bottom Up

When the Pre-Convention Rules for the National Convention were first published, our State Chairman took issue with the rule that provided that each chapter was to be represented by only one delegate for every 25 members. Letters were written to the National Office and to various NPC members, urging the people of the top-echelon to liberalize these provisions, to allow for a more generous representation.

Sure enough, at its recent Boston meeting, the National Planning Committee, in conformance with the wishes of one AVC member, liberalized the rules, allowing for one delegate for every 15 members or majority fraction thereof. We re-print excerpts from an exchange of letters fol-lowing this action of the highest governing body of AVC:

The State Chairman to the National Vice-Chairman: say that I am very gratified about the whole thing is putting it mildly. I just want to tell you that if ever someone tries to tell you that this is NOT an organization run by the membership, I want you to refer him to me. The whole issue, o me, is a striking example of the hing I've been saying over and er: that AVC is run from the ottom up, that the individual ember can assert himself and make himself effective."

The National Vice-Chairman to e State Chairman: ". . . I can't you how gratified I am, and a sure I speak for Gil, too, by ur readiness to serve as a ref-Yence to those who mistakenly et im that AVC is **NOT** run by its clambership.

For that matter, neither Gil I could readily find words to press how helpful it has been to w that the Indiana State Chair-

eager to cooperate with the national officers, perhaps even more important, told us when our performance or our plans were poor or less than good in his judgment, instead of telling everybody but

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2. Raffles—either merchandise bought or donated by mere or of cash. A record must be kept of the numbers of tickets distri-

3. Souvenir Journals-in connection with chapter anniversaries, parties, etc. Funds can be raised through the sale of space to local merchants, "greetings" from political leaders. One member may take on this job and be allowed a percentage of the profit as compensation for his work.

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, DECEMBER, 1949

As we go to press, final preparations are being made for

In order to enable the maximum number of AVC'ers and

the Fifth Annual State Convention of Indiana AVC. Coming back to the scene of its second Convention, this meeting will

friends to attend, plans have been made to condense the Con-

do away with Saturday morning meetings (when many of our members are working), and to get through with all business by noon on Sunday.

place at the Golden Gate Restaurant in the Hotel English Building on Meridian and Michigan Streets. It is hoped that a maximum number of more than the street of the street of

take place in Indianapolis, the first week-end in January.

FIVE CENTS

# nual State Convention Coming Up

### State Convention Checklist For Chapter Chairmen And Delegates

a. At your earliest opportunity, submit to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee the names of delegates your chapter elected, and the order of their election (i. e. votes received).
b. Inform Chairman of Credentials Committee of the number of votes

claimed by your chapter, based on number of members paid up. Be prepared to substantiate that claim by records (membership list, etc.) c. Chairman of the Credentials Committee is George E. Winder, 602

E. Randolph, Plymouth, Indiana. It will save all of us much trouble and headache if you can get this straightened out before the Convention. So get in your reports right away

2. ACCOMMODATIONS

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3. BANQUET

The Banquet will be held at the Golden Gate Restaurant in the English Hotel. A T-Bone Steak Dinner will be served at the special

Notify R. G. Fritzmeier (address above) how many reservations for this dinner you wish to make.

4. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a. Each chapter is entitled to one delegate each to the Nominations, Constitutional Revisions, and Resolutions Committees.

b. Due to the tight time-schedule on which this convention is to operate, it is essential that Committee work be concluded on Saturday afternoon. This can only be done with full participation on the part of

c. Be sure that one representative of your chapter be present at Committee deliberations at the time and place indicated in the Convention Schedule.

Submit all preliminary suggestions you may have, as follows:
1. On Constitutional Revisions: Elmer Ward, 307 E. 2nd Street,

2. On Nominations: Roland Dickerson, 1023 Talbot St., South Bend,

On Resolutions: Wallace P. Rusterholtz, 336 W. Hampton Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana.

It will help all concerned very much if you will get all possible suggestions in ahead of Convention time. That way, they will receive the attention they deserve.

#### AVC Honors Murray And Robb

The following resolution was inand was passed unanimously by the State of Indiana. the delegate body:

The American Veterans Committee, in Convention assembled, gratefully acknowledges the aid, encouragement, and assistance given to this organization by the trict No. 30, James Robb, of Indianapolis.

Recognizing that the existence welfare of labor and the American page.

people, Mr. Murray and Mr. Robb have made available to the American Veterans Committee the services of Richard F. Fritzmeier as a full-time organizer for AVC. In troduced at a Plenary Session of addition they have given us the the National Convention by State benefit of their complete cooperabenefit of their complete coopera-Chairman Sondermann, jointly tion in the pursuit of our common with Regional Chairman Larner, objectives, both nationally, and in objectives, both nationally, and in

#### Bloomington **Elects Delegates**

Following a report on the Na-United Steelworkers of America, tional Convention by its delegate, and especially its President, Philip J. Arnold Feldman, the Blooming-Murray, and the Director of Dis- ton chapter elected the following delegates to the forthcoming State Convention: SUNDAY

J. Arnold Feldman, Mel Pierce, of a liberal, aggressive veterans Elmer Ward, Sol Weinstock, Hanorganization is essential to the sel Hall, Roy Brooks, Jessie Cop-

To Its **Many Members** and Friends, The Indiana State Council of the American Veterans Committee Wishes A

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

vention as much as possible, to\*-

plans call for this banquet to take

Meetings are scheduled to start at 2:00 p. m. Saturday afternoon. The United Steelworkers of America have placed their office facilities at AVC's disposal. Registration of Delegates, and meetings of the basic Convention Committees of the standard present. Streets. It is hoped that a maximum number of members and friends (whether or not they are official delegates) will attend this banquet. A T-bone Steak dinner will be served at a very low price (\$1.50 per person), and an outstanding guest-speaker will be present. will take place at the USA fied The National Vice-Chairman, quarters at 507 Lemcke Building, Prof. Bob Ming of Chicago, has been invited to deliver the keynote At 5:30 p. m. the Convention
Banquet will be held. Present at the World War Memorial East

### STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM

Saturday, January 7, 1950 and Sunday, January 8, 1950 WHEN WHERE

SATURDAY 2:00 P.M.— 6:00 P.M. Registration of Delegates

2:00 P.M.— 5:00 P.M. Committee Meetings Constitutional Revisions Committee (Elmer Ward, Chairman) **Nominations Committee** (Roland Dickerson, Chairman)

Credentials Committee (George Winder, Chairman) (Randy Frakes, Member) (James Carter, Member)

Resolutions Committee 5 (Wallace P. Rusterholtz, Chairman) 5:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M. Banquet

(T-Bone Steak Dinner)

\$1.50 per plate Guest Speaker 7:30 P.M.—11:00 P.M. FIRST PLENARY SESSION

> Invocation Report of Credentials Committee Adoption of Rules **Keynote Speech** Reports of State Officers Report of Constitutional Amendments Committee

**Voting on Constitutional Amendments** Report of Resolutions Committee

Voting on Resolutions SECOND PLENARY SESSION Invocation

10:00 A. M.—12:00 Noon Report of Nominations Committee Election of New Officers **Unfinished Business** Miscellaneous Business Adjournment

NOTE: In the event that it is impossible to take care of all business during the Sunday Morning Session, it may be necessary to call a short Sunday afternoon session.

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### Again We Meet

Whoever it was who said that the first five years are the hardest must have had a prophetic vision of AVC.

On January 7th and 8th, Indiana AVC will meet againfor its Fifth Annual Convention. The four years behind us ed for the job of carrying on and have been long, hard and difficult. They have been full of work, full of both disappointments and accomplishments.

The sum-total of our efforts and achievements has been draft Michael Straight as a nominee for National Chairman and impressive. Most impressive of all is the fact that in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds, we have established ourselves firmly. We are here. We are here to stay. AVC has proven that it is not a temporary phenomenon, but a lasting institution, with firm roots and firmer purposes.

The task which will confront us at our Convention is to build a realistic program for the coming year, geared closely to our potentialities. That program demands, first of all, a core of devoted members. Of that core, we can be certain. It demands, secondly, effective activity and efficiency on the chapter-level where is much room for improvement.

It demands, finally, a State Organization capable of representing and advancing AVC's views and purposes at every possible opportunity. Here, too, we can make improvements. It is to this third task—that of enabling the State Organization to fulfil its functions properly—that the Convention must and will address its primary attention.

At the same time, however, the Convention delegates would be greatly remiss in their duty were they not to utilize the opportunity of contact and comradeship provided by the Convention in order to lay definite and precise plans for chap-

getic meeting. During a period when every veterans organiza-

tion (including AVC on a nation-wide scale) has suffered

care to admit, Indiana AVC-small though it may be-has

not only maintained its strength, but has grown in new com-

munities. While our achievements have fallen far short of our

our principles nor from our purposes. We are not content to

stand still and rest on the laurels of our accomplishments. We

what our first National Chairman, Charles Bolte, said at Des

Moines, when he told AVC'ers that it was peculiar to the

boredom of the greatest war there should come a new com-

radeship, transcending all the barriers that separate Ameri-

cans from each other, striving to achieve a more democratic

go toward the realization of this dream. Over every ridge

radeship. They will be days of hard work for the future of

January 7th and 8th will be days of pleasure and com-

and prosperous America and a more stable world.

"That dream," he said, "is that out of the horror and

dream of AVC that it would never be realized completely.

look to the future with confidence and hope.

In planning our course for 1950, we do not retreat from

fond hopes, they have been above our realistic expectations.

#### Indiana Led Michael Straight Bandwagon

A practically unanimous Indiana delegation to the National Convention was among the first delegations to throw its support behind the drive to draft Michael Straight as National Chairman. A resolution to this effect was adopted by an Indiana State Caucus on Friday evening. The resolution read as follows:

'The Indiana Delegation on conference assembled unanimously adopted the following resolution and voted it sent to the I. P. Caucus of AVC and to Mr. Michael Straight:

'Whereas in all probability the enabling amendment allowing the elected officers to serve without salary and full expenditure of time will be passed, and whereas a strong and qualified man is needbuilding up AVC,
"Be it therefore resolved that

every possible effort be made to work diligently for his election."

This resolution was drafted and submitted by Sanford Ramsey of Indianapolis No. 1 and was signed by eleven Indiana Delegates.

#### NSLI Refunds . . . Remember AVC

(Note: The following is taken from the Newsletter of the Ann Arbor Chapter, AVC.)

"All of us will be getting a pleasant visit from the postman when the NSLI refunds are mailed out during the first months of 1950. It has occurred to many persons in AVC that this will be an excellent time for the membership to remember what AVC has done for what they believe in, and that AVC dues in the past years amounted to only about one-third of the total money which was needed to carry out this program. AVC is now sol-

ent, and with money in hand for Our Fifth Annual State Convention will not be an apolo- a vigorous program during the coming year only because of the gifts of non-member friends of AVC, particularly Mrs. Blaine of heavier losses in membership than any one of them would Chicago.

'The most tangible way for AVC members to show their appreciation of the faith which these friends put in our efforts would be to try to match their contributions. Every AVC member is urged to pledge some percentage of his NSLI refund as a donation to AVC. This money would be used for both the local and national programs of In looking toward the future, we always bear in mind AVC.

(Note: This idea has already taken hold in Indiana, too, and all of the Indiana delegates to the Chicago Convention pledged varying percentages of their NSLI dividends to the organization. How about every one of us making this most tangible act of faith in the future of AVC and the things for Obviously there can be no standing still in AVC as we which it stands.)

#### will be another ridge, and another beyond. This will be the Indiana AVC dynamic future of our organization, as it has been its dynamic Welcomes New our organization. Above all, they will be days of rededication

In letters to the newly-elected national officers of AVC, the Indiana State Council extended a warm welcome and pledge of complete cooperation to our new

Writing to Michael Straight, the Indiana Chairman wrote that 'AVC-or for that matter any liberal organization — couldn't have done better than to choose you. At Chicago we have been given another chance. Under your leadership, I trust that we will make the most of it."

Writing to the new Vice-Chairman, the Indiana official said that We in Indiana are glad to have a Vice-Chairman from neighboring Illinois, and we hope that we will have many opportunities to get to-gether with you."

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# The Pro's And Con's Of Proportional Representation

The Case Against P. R.
By Fred A. Sondermann

Let it be admitted at the outset that there are some attractive arguments for Proportional Representation, and that in some instances, such as in the elections of City Councils and in multiple-member constituencies, this method may be preferable to election by majority vote. When we look below the surface of the pro-Proportional Representation.

Avc, meaning the members of Avc, are once again factor with the task, and for some members the dilemma, of choosing one of two systems for the election of members-at-large to the National Planning Committee. One system is the straight PARTY vote, the other the Hare System of Proportional Representation. sentation arguments, however, we find that the method is not suitable

in all instances. AVC'ers are used\* to looking below the surface of intelligent vote under a Proporseemingly attractive propositions (see our stand on pensions and bonuses) and they are capable of making fine distinctions. The case against Proportional Representation in AVC is based on the consideration that 1. It is unnecessary, 2. It is impractical, 3. It is deceptive, and 4. It is potentially harmful to the best interests of our organization.

Proportional Representation is unnecessary for AVC because, in a real sense, we already have a sys- didates. tem which assures minority representation on NPC. To be sure, not all minorities are represented at all times, nor are they represented in exact mathematical proportion to their strength. I submit, however, that as long as a group is in the minority, it does not make too much difference whether it has 1, 2, or 5 representatives on the NPC. There has been no time when NPC has been without able pro- al Representation, only one of his ponents of minority views. If a minority in AVC is large enough to command considerable strength, it can usually elect at least one, seventh, or conceivably eleventh and probably more, of its members vote that is going to count. To say as Regional Chairmen, with seats that under such conditions one can on the NPC. It can always decisively influence the nomination and case of self-deception. When out election of candidates favorable to of 15 votes cast, only one is countits general point of view.

Moreover, the present majority person's views as expressed by group in AVC is not the tightly his ballot? Delegates to AVC Condisciplined and united body which ventions are capable of thinking sentation when the referenits opponents make it out to be. and voting intelligently. Propor- dum is held. The Veterans'

more than 7 people are to be ning Committee. elected. It is difficult enough to select from among a large list of candidates the people whom you want to place among your first, second, or third choices. It is difficult to make the distinction between the third and fourth, the fifth and sixth best man. It is utterly impossible to make an intelligent distinction between thirteenth and fourteenth place can-

Proportional Representation is deceiving in the election for members at-large of the National Planning Committee, because under this system each delegate can, vote, for only one of the candidates. Yet there are 15 people to be elected, and a delegate should be able to cast a positive vote for all of his 15 choices. Yet, under Proportionvotes will count. The worst of it is that he doesn't even know whether it is his first, second, third, cast an intelligent ballot is a bad ed, how is it possible to judge a

Following a mandate by the Chicago National Convention, The Case For P. R. the new National Planning Committee, in one of its first system of voting by Proportional Representation for the election of 15 members-attional Representation system if large of the National Plan-

> At previous Conventions, these members-at-large had Proportional Representation). If been elected by majority vote. At the Chicago Convention, following a contested vote of the preceding Cleveland Convention, Proportional Representation was used for the first

This is an issue on which there is—and can be—much honest difference of opinion. That even the best of friends in the final analysis, cast only one can disagree on the issue is shown in the two articles below, written by two prominent AVC'ers of our State.

> The argument for a retention of Proportional Representation is made by Fred A. Sondermann, present State Chairman.

Regardless of their feeling on this issue, all Indiana AVC'ers are urged to participate in the democratic process by casting their vote for or against Proportional Repre-

AVC, meaning the members of AVC, are once again faced with

First of all, let me explain what the Hare System is, in effect, by

example. Suppose instead of cast-\*. ing ballots you were to line up in back of the person you wanted elected. You would first line up behind the person you thought best for the job (your choice under you found that he had enough votes to be elected, you would then line up behind your second choice and so on. When this process is completed, most of those to be elected will have been. Then, if your first choice is not elected, and at this point has the least amount of votes, you would then move behind your second choice. This assures you that your vote will count, and almost invariably it will count for one of your first two or three choices. This in effect is what the Hare System does, but by ballot instead of physically lining up behind your choice.

I stated in the first paragraph that the raising of this issue brings some AVC members face to face with a dilemma. That dilemma is being for Proportional Representation in principle, being for Proportional Representation outside of AVC, but being against it in AVC. Their arguments are many and varied. In a moment I shall attempt to answer the most serious of

Before answering the arguments of the "yes but—" people, let us see why their opposition to Proportional Representation developed. The answer is plain and simple. These people were justly concerned

portional Representation in AVC is that it will give rise to splinter groups, "highly disciplined" among other things, and that AVC's only major caucus, IP, is not a disciplined group. At that, those who attended the Indiana caucus will, I think, agree, I am entitled to a big guffaw. In order to be elected under the straight majority PARTY system you ob-viously have to "belong" to such a party. Under Proportional Representation, if you have done enough work and demonstrated your ability, you wouldn't have to sell yourself to a party line. I could never be a member of NPC under the straight PARTY system, because, as told to the Indiana caucus by our leading IPer, I haven't always followed the party line. I have been guilty of deviation, mostly because I am in

favor of Proportional Representation. So with Bernie Bellush, a former IP member of NPC, he deviated (also for PR).

Still other arguments include: 1. Proportional Representation is okay when only four or five, maybe seven, are to be elected, but never more. 2. Your vote only counts for one person instead of possibly for all (or none). And 3. Chance, if you shuffle the deck, it sometimes comes out differently. While all of these arguments are used by the same people, there is obvious inconsistency. If you can't ote for more than five to seven

It represents many shades of opin- tional Representation thwarts their ion on all issues. Majority groups efforts in that direction. on NPC have seldom, if ever, voted unanimously on any major issue. This is entirely as it should Proportional Representation would alter all this. It would place a premium on discord. It would make possible the election of representatives of splinter groups, with personal axes to grind, who would introduce a constant ele-

tion, our present caucus system have been able to bury it at this for the Proportional Representasary to be a "party wheelhorse," or tation is potentially harmful for to sacrifice one's honesty and in- AVC, not only because it would give tegrity to remain acceptable to a extremist groups, which have no- mary function of our NPC to repmajority group. To disagree fre- thing in common with the aims of quently and decisively within the this organization (and who can al-IP caucus is not only possible, but ways be depended upon to muster very often effective and productive. the one-sixteenth of the total vote But, on the other hand, to make required to elect a man under Progroup ratification and adherence portional Representation) an opto every single personal preference portunity to hurt us from responsof all of its members the sine qua non of participation and support dangerous, to my mind, is the ceris like saying, "If you won't play tainty that, on the one hand, a with me in my way, I'll take my large part of AVC's strength would toys and go home." That attitude be frittered away in splinter groups, isn't-and shouldn't be-a practic- without central aim, without coable policy in any organization.

impractical for AVC. There is a strength or number as to make maximum number of people who effective majority administration can meaningfully be elected by all but impossible. In this conneca Proportion al Representation tion, it must also be said that Prosystem. This number has at portional Representation often various times been estimated means not proportionate but dis- coherently. as ranging between 5 and 7. It has proportionate representation. Min-

The element of chance enters to considerable degree into Proportional Representation elections. When surplus votes of a candidate who has more than his quota are transferred, it is completely a matter of chance which ones of his surplus votes will be counted and to which additional candidate they will be applied. It is a well-known ment of delay and disagreement (but little publicized) fact that reinto the operations of our govern- counts of votes, with a "shuffled ing body. It would tend to harden deck' under Proportional Repregroup discipline, so that represen- sentation very frequently record tatives of any group would no different results than the original longer be independent agents, but count did. I may be old-fashioned, would become mere puppets for but to my mind there's something the registration of the point of wrong with a system of voting view of their special interest group. which yields different results With Proportional Representa- every time you count the ballots.

It is said that every one can will ever be with us, while ideally make his vote count under Prowe should look forward to its portional Representation. But the speedy abolishment (and would truth of the matter is that under Proportional Representation very last Convention, had it not been few, if any, people know how their vote is counted and which candition issue). What proponents of date they have helped elect. Who, Proportional Representation fail to of the Indiana delegates to the maintain themselves, have to be see is that one can have disagree- Chicago Convention, knows for rigidly organized and centrally diment on issues without dividing whom his vote was counted? The rected. None of these developments only meets four to five times a

ible positions within AVC. Equally hesion, balance, and general direc-Proportional Representation is tion, which may rise to such that it is impossible to register an frequently wield an influence out AVC. Our ability to maintain the effort now more than ever before. possible use of this literature.

ments and contributions on this issue.

of all proportion to their true strength. They can strike bargains, extract concessions, sell their support to the highest bidder. I am not trying to say that this would inevitably happen in AVC. But I am trying to indicate just a few of the potentialities of the system in a group such as ours.

To argue that the number of caucuses, factions, and groups within AVC would not increase drastically under a Proportional Representation system is pure semantics, unsubstantiated by any experience in any case in which Proportional Representation has been introduced into a differentiated group situation, such as obtains in AVC. Finally, there is the practical certainty that the remaining caucuses, after the splintering off of the various special interest groups, would, in order to

The question which AVC'ers must decide is this: Is it the priresent, in mathematically exact proportions, every shade of opinion within AVC, or is it its primary function efficiently to administer the affairs of the organization in the manner prescribed by the majority vote of AVC's highest governing body: its Convention? Effective administration is jeopardized, and (given AVC's particularistic tendencies) probably impossible under a Proportional Representation system. Since, under our majority-vote system, we have always had minority representation, it seems to me that our urgent need is to re-establish a system which will be sure to enable the NPC to administer the affairs of differences, while concentrating the organization effectively and on the task of selecting the kind of

Voice invites further com- with keeping people of of NPC ments and contributions on who were out to destroy AVC. By their own admission, however, that threat no longer exists.

> tion in AVC is that NPC is an administrative body, not a decisionnot seem very formidable either. national executive-secretary. The resentation and for the constitutional amendment I just mentioned, argued that the executive-secretary will be nothing but an administrawill be nothing but an administra-tor, the policy will still be deter-not AVC. mined by the membership, and WHAT PART OF OUR PLATFORM WILL BE PUSHED WILL STILL DEPEND ON THE DECI-SION OF NPC AND THE NA-TIONAL OFFICERS. Also, NPC an administrative group, which they aren't we might as well throw up our hands.

Another argument against Pro-

loyalty of members of so many varying opinions is testimony to the efficacy of a system of administration based on a modified majority vote, under which we have hitherto operated. Proportional Representation would invite every one of the many actual and potential groups in AVC to harden and intensify their differences. It would substitute an annual census for the kind of concensus which we so urgently need. A wise election system would invite those groups to forget their distracting We have groups of all kinds, terests which we all have in com-

people intelligently, how can you vote for fifteen people intelligently? Many of those in favor of Proportional Representation outside One of the common arguments of AVC, but against it in AVC, use against Proportional Representa- argument No. 1. Yet these same people, including leading IPer, Gus Tyler, fought for Proportionmaking body. By electing all the al Representation for the New members-at-large from the ma- York City Council elections. NPC jority caucus, you get good sound members-at-large number fifteen, administration. I want to challenge New York City Council members both of these assumptions. As far from twenty-five on up! It is true as the latter goes, it just "ain't that when you "shuffle the deck" necessarily so." The former does the cards may not come out the same. While that is so in some We in AVC just changed our constitution so that we now have a one or two elected. The most popunational executive-secretary. The lar are assured of election, the people against Proportional Repleast of not being elected. That is still better than assuring the election of a few party wheel-horses under the PARTY system because

In summary: Proportional Representation permits you: to vote by preference, so that your votes for prior choices are given more weight than the person you vote for "just to vote for fifteen.' Your into factions. I know from personal answer is that no one can be sure. al experience that it is not necesal vote will almost undoubtedly count Your vote is certain to count. People can be elected to NPC who have worked hard and exhibited ability, but under a straight PAR-TY vote can not be elected because at one point or another they honestly disagreed with the party line of the majority party, and chose to stay honest.

A wonderful new recruiting pamphlet, entitled "AVC Is New" has just been issued by the National Office. Delegates at the Chicago Convention got the first look at this new aid in soliciting members.

The State Office has made arrangements that all chapters will be sent an adequate supply of men who would look after the in- these pamphlets, and it is urged that Chapter Chairmen and Membeen demonstrated conclusively ority groups, under this system, divisions of every character in mon and which demand united bership Chairmen make the best

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



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pert A. Harrison to the delegates at the Fourth Annual Convention the American Veterans Committee:

When we met in 1946 at our founding convention, we had only ecently been released from some uncomfortable years in uniform. Most of us looked forward confidently to lasting peace assured through

collaboration of friendly allies\* united by an air-age, a rising united by an air-age, a rising standard of living as quickly ad-creased benefits for disabled vetvancing new technology, including erans and widows and orphans of the well-being of all, a brotherhood from which none was excluded veterans suffering from paraplegia, because of color or faith. 1946 was North Atlantic Defense Treaty, the birth year of the United Na-tions and of AVC, and we then Wage, Economic Cooperation Act anticipated a million AVC members. In the privacy of this convenbers. In the privacy of this convention we can admit that fewer than ing bill, the middle-income housthat have been enlisted.

But if AVC has not come up to our 1946 expectations, the hopes worse. Our aims were and are political and intellectual freedom, economic security, and the settlement of internal and international disputes without war. In the past real has widened. Independence of thought and expression is today more suspect than prized. Political leadership shows signs of paralysis induced by fear and ignorance. The necessity for closer and continuing unity among free nations in joint economic efforts is inadequately appreciated. Dictatorships have not disappeared, but have extended their power. Wars are being fought and there is danger of larger wars to come. AVC did not require a heroic act of faith in '46. It does now.

We have not stayed in business this year only to pay debts, bill members, or economize on staff.
There was program. The impressive state legislative work done in Massachusetts, Illinois, Connecticut, Oregon, Washington and elsewhere are asso histories in how to where are case histories in how to get results. The truism that AVC program originates in the re-

source unless of our memor, was expressed in hundreds of local projects. . New clubhouses were

opened, Civil Rights audits were

made of communities, scholarships

were provided foreign students and

In Washington we discovered

that there are too many Byrds in Congress, but we worked with what we had, Byrds and all. We

didn't get a Congressional Charter.

We didn't think we would since, for all practical purposes, unanimous consent of both houses is required. We didn't get the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act or as much

extension of social security coverage as we advocated in our testimony. But we didn't get the Rank-

in Pension Bill either. Nor the original \$125 billion monstrosity

nor its less damaging substitute. And that was AVC's outstanding

contribution to sound public policy this year, a contribution for which Mr. Rankin and the professional veterans will be eternally ungrateful. . . For the first time

in Congressional history, a veter-

ans benefit bill was killed on a

parting spokesman for another

veterans organization was heard to say "AVC won this one." It was

In all, we presented testimony

before the Congress on over 30 occasions since January. In each instance our views derived from

our platforms. On two important

housing bills our success was the finale to three years of hard work The box-score on our legisla-

tive tries ought to show more runs, but it is not a bad score. We testi-

fied without obtaining immediate

results on world federation through

U. N.; limitation of super-seniori-

ty for veterans in the public service; extension of 52-20; the

national health insurance program; repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law;

cut-back in veterans' hospital con-

struction program; and the same

cut-back as it affects California.

roll call vote in the House . .

when the vote was

deserved recognition. .

chapters aided Europe's needy. \*

atomic energy, was exploited for men who died in service, Military Assistance Program, housing for Wage, Economic Cooperation Act appropriations, Uniform Code of ing bill, and rent control.

at the heart of AVC have fared keep Communists out of AVC and get rid of any who might be in. If there are today any known Com-munists in AVC, they are not known to the national leadership. If we have learned anything in three and a half years the chasm AVC, it is that cooperation pre-which divides the desired from the sumes common objectives held by reasonably honest men and that the objectives and methods of AVC are incompatible with those of the Communist Party.

> What may turn out to be the most promising and exciting event of the year has been left to the last. Two weeks ago. . . I was the guest . . . of pro-democratic . . . French and Belgian veterans organizations . . . After four years vity and responsibility.

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of talking to ourselves about the value of an international association of democratically-minded veterans, we have taken a practical step toward its creation . . . As the only representative of an American veterans organization present, of greatest interest to me were the special meetings with the leaders of the European veteran groups. Until then, we had not known of the existence of liberal veterans associations outside our country. They are there, we know who they are, and out of our meeting came the agreement to prepare now for a world conference

are experienced. Although reflecting several shades of color in the political spectrum, they shared the single purpose of maintaining peace without the loss of liberty. They represented what there is of the "vital center"—neither Communist nor content with things as they are. They share AVC's inter-est in political action, they are closer to the abyss than we—veterans of more than military combat.
They do not intend to be dictated to either by the Soviet Union or the United States, but they are anxious to meet and work with like-minded veterans here, and in Britain, Australia, Africa, New Zealand, Canada, Brazil and else-

of veterans in Paris in the summer of 1950. These European veteran leaders

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AVC'ers Speak To

At the recent Convention of District No. 30 of the United Steelworkers of America, Richard

G. Fritzmeier, AVC-organizer, and Martin L. Larner, Regional Chairman, brought the delegates the

cordial greetings of this organiza-

on the aims and objects of AVC. He outlined the work of the organization in Indiana. He pointed

out that there are fourteen million

veterans who are not organized into any kind of veterans' organization, and that the policy of the AVC recommended itself to or-

"Marty," who also spoke on behalf of AVC, said, among other things: "The American Veterans

Committee is an entirely different type of veterans' organization. It was founded on the premise that

veterans are citizens first. We feel

that veterans cannot make a better

world for veterans alone, that the

"Fritz" spoke to the conference

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Robb Lauds AVC

The following passage is taken from the report of James Robb, Director of District No. 30 of the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, to the 13th Annual District

"The American Veterans Committee—a vision less than six years ago-stands established today as a driving force for full democracy. Founded and maintained in unswerving allegiance to its guiding policies—'Citizens First—Veterans Second,' and 'A democratic and prosperous America in a more stable world,' AVC has implemented these policies by effective action at every level. AVC has emphasized service to the nation and to the various communities. They have encouraged chapters and other territorial units to invest the major share of their effort in solving community problems and

"The American Veterans Committee has taken an unequivocal position in support of the CIO in its overall program on the legislative front. It would be quite impossible to report in detail to you the numerous issues on which our

identity of interest.

"Briefly though, as to the political activity of this healthy group of World War II Veterans has followed, they are: A consistent fight for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and re-enactment of the Wagner Act; a national housing bill (that has now been enacted);

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### A Rights In Washington; AVC ghts For Democracy In Capitol

We urge all AVC Chapters to take action on two issues. They may opear only remotely to affect our organization in this State, but upon camination, both are eminently worthy of sustained support by all

The two measures are support for Home Rule for the residents of Washington, D. C., and the establishment of a Commission on Human Relations for the District of Colum-\*

A bill establishing such a Commission has been introduced by Senator Neely, and AVC chapters are urged to ask our two Senators to back this bill.

A bill which would give District into it." of Columbia residents a right to vote for local officials has passed the Senate and is now bottled up in the House District Committee by an alliance of Republicans and Southern Democrats. If brought to a vote, it is sure to pass.

The Washington Area Council has asked the support of all AVC'ers in this fight. In a memorandum to all members, it said:

"Other issues may look bigger to you, but these are important to you as well as to us.

"Since Congressmen and Sena- Office.

tors sympathetic to AVC are probably going to support these measures anyway, we suggest that you consider writing as a private citizen and taxpayer, rather than bringing the organization's name

The State Council urges every conscientious AVC'er to contact Senators Capehart and Jenner and his own Congressman in support of these eminently worthwhile bills. Official communications to the Senators and all Congressmen already have been dispatched by the State Office, but need to be backed up by the members all over the State. If convenient, it would be sideration. appreciated if you could send copies of your letters to the State

## Letter From Europe

By Eden Gray

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of letters from the former State Historian, Miss Eden Gray of Lafayette, who is spending a year in Europe. Her last report was concerned mostly with her impressions of England. The latest letter contains a series of inside glimpses and impressions of post-war France, as well as personal news of interest to her many AVC friends in Indiana.)

In the early part of fall I went on a wonderful trip down the Seine River to the Oise and the Aisne by yacht. What an experience to see France from the deck of a boat. Later I joined the boat again at Marseille for a week, but that's about all the traveling I have done.

Recently I have been doing some radio shows for ECA. They have started a new series called "This is Europe" and I was a Norwegian farm woman in one of the shows\*and a Greek in another.

I have been inspired with the won-

derful work that is being done to

went through Scandinavia, where

at each election the position of the

communists in the government is

weakened. Here in France there is

a great need to reform . . . and the communists are stronger

The worker gets paid very little and there is not much in the way

of social reforms. The French people pride themselves that they

have liberty . . . they are all so conscious of keeping personal lib-

erty that they fail to get together to run their country. There are so

many political parties and they all want things their own way and so

nothing gets done. I am beginning

to see the fallacy of proportional

Did you hear what Churchill said

when plans were being made to rebuild the British parliament building? Some people suggested

a semi-circle of seats facing the speaker, but he said no, that led

to all shades of opinion from left to right. It was much better, he

felt, for members to have to sit

either on the right or left of the speaker. It made for only two political parties, the conservatives and the Liberals. . . one had to

sit on one side or the other, and

in this way the majority could rule

more easily. Perhaps I haven't made this very clear, but it was a revelation to me. Sometimes when

there are many political parties, with each group out for their own

interests things are so split up that

the result is not much work ac-

We had a fine dry fall, but now

it is cold and rainy. Houses here

are hardly heated at all, the same

with offices. Different sections of

complished along any lines.

representation.

These shows are put on tape and later will be recorded and broadcast in the U. S., so it is possible that you will hear me.

I am also doing to the city have a day a week with no electricity and that means no elevators and people in offices trying to work away from windows in a sort of twilight or with I am also doing a little planning for a program with UNESCO. It is to be a 7-minute program diagram of the state of the st

and if it goes through I will write in a restaurant comes to \$1.50.

for students at about 75 cents. Best Wishes

Eden Gray

visions Committee which he is heading.

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Room. The rest of the meeting will be devoted to Annual Reports of State Officers, voting on Constitutional Amendments and Reso-

A Second Plenary Session at 10:00 a.m. Sunday at the same place will elect new officers for the coming year and will take care of all unfinished business before adjournment.

The time-schedule of the Convention is the tightest schedule ever for a State Convention, and its success will depend upon the punctuality of delegates. It will also depend on whether adequate advance preparations can be made, to enable the committees and the plenary sessions to conduct all business with efficiency and dispatch. For this purpose, all chapters are urged to submit resolutions, suggestions for constitutional changes, nominations, etc. well ahead of the Convention, so that all ideas can receive their due con-Indications are that far-reaching

constitutional changes will be presented to the Convention, looking toward a simplification and streamlining of existing State-Council structure. Proposals will in all likelihood be submitted to reduce the number of State Officers and to define more clearly State Council functions. At the same time, it appears to be the overwhelming sentiment of prominent AVC'ers that the continued effectiveness of the State Council is an indispensable factor in the future development of Indiana AVC.

There have, as yet, been no formal announcements of candidates for any State office. There have, however, been a series of announcements by AVC'ers, headed by the incumbent State Chairman, that they will not be candidates for office.

Dick Fritzmeier, as Convention Arrangements Chairman, and Bob Long, as Convention Chairman, are doing excellent work to assure the success of Convention R

s meeting. A Preons Committee

rected to the women of America, 20 cents a piece. The simplest meal terholtz, and includes Irv Fink, and if it goes through I will write in a restaurant comes to \$1.50. Sam Macer, and Jack Hayes, the scripts. In connection with it Some restaurants do have a meal James Carter of Muncie and or students at about 75 cents.

Randy Frakes of Indianapolis are Theatres are cheap, a good seat serving with George Winder of rehabilitate the children who had at the Comedie Française costs such a bad time of it during the only \$1.50, and the opera is even mittee. Roland Dickerson of South cheaper. Movies are about 30 cents. Bend heads the Nominations Com-Communism has not taken hold There are lots of G. I.'s over here mittee, and Elmer Ward of in any of the countries over here at the various Universities, and I Bloomington already has drawn a that had had some sort of progress- do wish someone would form a number of proposed amendments ive government. I saw that as I a going AVC chapter among them. to submit to the Constitutional Re-

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# tion Elects Katz To Head State Council

Delegates from all Indiana AVC chapters met January 7\*
and 8 at the Fifth Annual State Convention of the Indiana accorded standing ovations at the conclusion of their talks. (Excerpts of the State Chairman's report are Council Sunday, draw up a State Platform, and lay plans for an expansion of found elsewhere in this issue.) both the membership and the activity of this World War II

Also addressing the Conven veterans organization.

The Convention, held in Indianapolis, was signal proof of the continued vitality and the strong urge to main the little haven fight for liberal objectives which has characterized AVC from AVC, and pro its inception. The Indiana State Council, chartered in 1945, and cooperat is the oldest territorial unit of AVC, and-by general agreement—one of the best.

w Officers Elected

the economic difficulties with which they are faced. He described the

Also addressing the Convention March 12 was District Director Robb of the Steelworkers Union, who re-viewed the history of collabora-his organization and his organization and pmised continued aid ion in the task of building a str movement.

#### Constitutional

The first meeting of the new State Council will be held in Indianapolis on Sunday, March 12 at 1:00 p. m. at 2044 North Capitol Avenue, it was announced by tion grants ong liberal veterans Irwin Katz, state chairman.

The meeting will concern itself, with the implementation of the platform that was passed State Convent

PR Again In the light of the Sondermann-Feldman discussion of P. R. in a recent issue of the issue, we re-print the following letter to the en by former Bellush. AVC Bulletin NPC'er

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tate Coun- stances am the delegate such subjects a Direct Prime ary Session, expressing his dence in the future of AVC, fectiveness on all levels.

eplacing Bob Long of great initial success.) and Ed Bennett, a Out-going State Chairman Son-

succeeding Hubert H. Hawkins.

#### Convention Addresses

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Straight's keynote address, Kenny The new State Chairman, Irv Katz, indicated that all platform

the meeting a "Convention of Con-New Regional Chairmen are: fidence," he reviewed the achieve-For the Northern District: John ments of the past year's adminis-Klecka of East Chicago; for the tration and outlined its experiof Indianapolis; and for the South- great task confronting AVC was ment. ern District: J. Arnold Feldman not to go back on its high purposes, of Bloomington, who, incidentally, nor to retrench and cripple itself stressed is AVC's advocacy of a Convention. thus became the only member of by thoughts of inability and inade- repeal of the present Gross Income the 1949 administration to be re- quacy. "Our task," he said, "is to The Convention formally be- behind us, ring doorbells and sign elled on the order of the present and implementing our platform. gan with a banquet on Saturday up members and participate in Federal Income Tax. banquet on Saturday up members and participate in rederal income Tax.

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We have to do it ourselves." Both National Chairman Straight and Indiana will move forward to aid in the United States.

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the no State C promised the assistance of the ernment, a Fan Employment and Office in the activities of Practices Act, an increase in untate and local organization. employment compensation, an end iscussed in some detail ortio discrimination in the State tional problems facing the Guard, Rent Controls, and stressed the importance of change in the tax-structure of the renewal and membership State. The full text of the Resolutions will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Ward of Ward of Indiana Ward o ned as new State a renewal-drive has yielded such a ntiquated State Government a ntiquated State Government a region initial success. missions and other agencies will Joe Kutch and Marty Larner. at at Butler University, bedermann next reported on the new State Historian, "State of Organization." Calling of departments directly responsible to the Governor. AVC has already sounded the call for a "Little Hoover Commission" for Indiana, to bring order, efficiency, and Central District: Randy Frakes, ences. He stressed the fact that the economy into our State Govern-

Tax Law as completely incomgo home to our communities and patible with all modern trends in 1949 membership as easily as poswork—as we have never worked taxation, and a substitution there- sible, so that we can expend our before—to mobilize public opinion fore of a Net Income Tax, mod- energies in getting new members

#### Message From The State Chairman

I want to express my deep ap-

The new administration is going to concern itself primarily with laying the groundwork for the tremendous amount of work that must be done in the 1951 legislature. We will continue to cooperate with various organizations on issues in which we believe and which are so ably stated in the platform adopted at the State

It is my earnest hope that we will be able to renew our entire

With the help of each of you, we

se who look into dark cor ners to find weaknesses of PR, ignore its outstanding achievements in New York, Cincinnati, Yonkers, and certain AVC chapters. Prior to the adoption of PR under La Guardia, the New York City

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#### New Publication

With this issue, "Vet Voice" ing "put to bed" for the last time under its present format. State officers have decided the interests of AVC in Indiana could be better served at this period in our development by an entirely new editorial ap-

Therefore, on or about April lst you will receive the first edition of "The Indiana Veteran," a twelve-page magazine containing timely articles of interest on Indiana political and social problems. Its range will be wide and its attitude will be liberal, consistent with the humanistic principles which have always been dominant in the philosophy of AVC.

We hope you will be candid your judgment and vocal with your pen upon receipt of the first and all subsequent issues of our new venture, "The Indiana Veteran."

### C Fight Carried To Washington

arles Posner, Delegate To The National Emergency Civil Rights day, there is no assurance that Mobilization, Member, Indianapolis No. 1, AVC

In a dramatic demonstration of wide-spread demand for enact-In a dramatic demonstration of wide-spread demand for enactive of civil rights legislation pledged by both major parties, more tan 4,000 delegates from 33 states, including 79 from Indiana, came logether in Washington on January 15-17 in a National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization. Prominent among the delegates were large representative groups from the American Veterans Committee, from the national and local Jewish Community Relations Councils, the NAACP, the CIO and AFL, and some 50 other national and local organizations interested in promoting civil rights. ganizations interested in promoting civil rights.

Swarming over Capitol Hill, the grass roots people's lobbyists However, because action is being button-holed Senators and Congressmen and organized themselves delayed so long, two Congressmen, into State delegations for conferences with the legislators. They demanded commitments to support FEPC and other civil rights measures, Adam Clayton Powell, have introand to oppose all efforts by the enemies of civil rights to block consideration of these bills by filibuster of a Rules change in the House.

The 79-member Hoosier delegation forced Indiana's two Senators and ten of its eleven representatives to state their stand on civil to the floor directly.

Tights during a meeting with both groups. The Indiana delegation first met with the two Republican Senators, Homer E. Capehart and Williams to grasp the full signifiliam E. Jenner.

any specific bill, until it was ex-amined and possible amendments FEPC bill, as did Earl R. Wilson discussed. Senator Jenner stated of Bedford. that he would vote for the FEPC Veteran Bill without crippling amendments. Both Senators agreed to vote to invoke cloture, in order to break any filibuster that would/prevent the FEPC Bill from coming to the floor of the Senate, and if necessary, they would stay "a ound the clock" to keep the Senate in session, so that the filibyster could be broken.

When the delegation met the Congressmen, the fireworks began. Nine of the Hoosier representatives were meeting which Ray Madden o tive Andre

eletaments with the

The two Senators reiterated FEPC bill," but would not elabortheir stand in favor of Fair Employment Practices legislation but neither would commit himself to neither would commit himself to hill until it was a standard on the meaning of the word polyment Practices legislation but neither would commit himself to hill until it was a standard on the meaning of the word polyment Practices legislation but neither would not elaborate polyment. The important thing is for Congressmen to realize that their constituents are determined to first for the researce of fair constituents.

> Veteran observers called the Mobilization the most effective demonstration for civil rights legislation in the history of the long struggle for laws to prohibit discrimination in employment, and to outlaw other infringements on civil rights.

Since the Mobilization, the House of Representatives has been an article we featured in the last engaged in a parliamentary tug of war over the Fair Employment Practices Bill. Although the bill has received the approval of the present for the Committee on Education and Labeen called by bor, the Rules Committee has re-Representative to report it to the floor. Un- 1950. It has occurred to many of Indianapo- der the rules of the House, the sent, because Chairman of the Committe can an excellent time for the memberth the doctor, bring the bill to the floor of the ship to remember what AVC has favor House after it has been held by done for what they believe in, and he Rules Committee for twenty- that AVC se days Before he can do this amou must be recognized tota

meet briefly for patriotic speeches and eulogies and then adjourn. On February 27, the next discharge Speaker Rayburn will recognize Mr. Lesinski.

The effort of the Rules Commitat some time during the session. duced discharge petitions. If 218 signatures are secured to such a petition, the bill can be brought

cance of these parliamentary ma-neuvers, overlaid with partisan constituents are determined to fight for the passage of fair employment practice legislation, and that they will not accept defeat through parliamentary trickery.

#### **NSLI** Refunds Remember—AVC

Refunds are beginning to come in. We therefore reprint in this issue issue, taken from the Newsletter of the Ann Arbor Chapter, AVC)

"All of us will be getting a pleasant visit from the postman when the NSLI refunds are mailed out during the first months of persons in AVC that this will be in the past years ne-third of the was needed to ogram. AVC is with money in

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that thus far the 1950 Renewal Drive has been very satisfactory far superior to the 1949 operation. Indiana chapters, too, have been active in this drive, and especially Indianapolis No. 1 and Blooming-

The National Office has also Public Law 339: This is a Veter- suggested a very excellent renewal vice-connected disabled veterans, mailing to each member. This

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form of communication, giving details of the renewal drive, and a summary of the proposed chapter program for the coming year, together with a strong appeal by the

the National Office.

It is reported that one chapter Section 4—Liberalizes allowance has used this method with a response of 60 percent renewals on a single mailing, which is outstandingly successful for this type of operation. To get the other 40 percent to renew, we suggest that the mailing be followed up with

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Public Law 286: This law auhorizes specially adapted housing

Public Law 69: This law clarifies the provisions of the National Service Life Insurance Act to \*nake clear that on insurance maturing on or after August 1, 1946,

Among the many pieces of legislation which became law during the first session of the 81st Congress, were some of special interest to veterans. Five of the 12 pieces of veterans legislation which were

passed by both houses and approved by the President, merit a short

n cases where the beneficiary could not elect to receive lump-

Section 1-Restores to World ate of the insured rather than the War I statutory presumptive cases full compensation of 100 percent in envelope, for the member's convenlieu of the present 75 percent.

Section 2—Permits compensation for arrested cases of tubercu-

Section 3-Establishes a new disability payment schedule based

Increases rate for widow and one Increases rate for widow and one child from present \$100 to \$105 can be obtained, at no cost, from horizes retroactive awards of and raises the rate for each addi-

the claim could not be filed due to capture, internment, or isolation

Section 5 — Liberalizes line-ofduty requirements with respect to nnected veterans who have in confinement under sentence of yer extremi- court martial or civil court.

#### The Meaning Of 'Welfare State'

(Editor's Note: This is condensed version of an article recently submitted to the "Veterans Voice" by Mr. Ward, new Treasurer of the Indiana State Council, AVC. The "Veterans Voice" solicits comments and additional contributions on this important and timely subject.)

The chief sport of many people, including business-men and politicians, is to hurl forth such epithets as "Welfare State" whenever referring to the present national administration. They are referring, of course, to the many controls, the social legislation, and the largescale spending of the federal government. But what do they mean? The only thing one can get by asking questions of these people is confusion and contradictory statements. Since ours is a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people," it is about time the

people were informed as to what the real score is.

Those people who are against the "welfare state" talk loudly about getting "back to good government." Now what do they mean by that? This is what must be analyzed, since it is the basis for the

confusion attending the phrase "welfare state."

Some people will insist that\*-"good government" is that govern- "everyone for himself, and the ment which does not control the devil gets the hindmost.' people. If this be the case, then it Obviously we cannot have such must be said that no such govern- a system and be a prosperous nament exists, nor could it exist. So, tion. The people who sell buildthe "anti-welfare staters" do not ings, machinery, labor, must be refer to the commonly accepted assured of their pay. Therefore, it controls, like those over marriage, was necessary for government to divorce, etc., but instead they re- proclaim that only those who fer to economic controls—controls were responsible citizens—those over business, for the benefit of who offered reasonable certainty the general public. The "good that they would attend to their government" to which the busi-obligations—could enter into an nessman is referring is that which enterprise. Thus we no longer had he had prior to 1890. That was the free enterprise, but controlled period in which the government enterprise. safeguarded the interests of busiduring that period safeguarded the tection of the businessman's mar- governments, but since local and would wilfully destroy property or break contracts to the detriment of business.

ponents of the "welfare state" the factory but merely obtaining a

ket. If another country can get state governments are doing less labor and materials at lower prices and less to satisfy the aspirations and can send its products into this and desires of their citizens, the country, underselling our own in- national government finds it nec-It is the battle-cry of the op- dustry, then our industry loses essary to spend more and more for its home market. Therefore, it was the things for which the local that in those days we had true deemed necessary by our business-free enterprise. It is about time men to place an important tax on What about social legislation? someone defined that term. The logical meaning of the term is that anyone may enter into any busi-nigher than our industry could I have drawn the analogy between I h ness activity at any time, without sell them. In some circumstances, tariffs and subsidies granted inopposition, control, or regulation. Subsidies were demanded by our what does this mean? It means industry. These were safeguards that if I want to start a match for the health and prosperity of factory. I can do so. I could start our industry—a social health in our industry—a social health in- and subsidies granted industry surance, if you please, paid by all protect a small minority of people the necessary machinery, citizens who paid taxes. There are and therefore cost less. It is necesnecessary labor. There very few, if any, businessmen who sary to include the farmers' parity

businessmen do. Are these groups expected to applaud the safeguards for business and say nothing about those practices by business which tend to undermine labor and the consumer? It was this consideration which brought about the introduction of additional safeguards for the larger groups in our nation. The Pure Food and Drug Act and anti-monopoly legislation in the early part of the century protected the consumer and the small businessman. The right to organize and bargain collectively became an accepted part of industrial relations, safeguarding Labor and arming it at long last with an effective weapon to assert itself.

All these safeguards—for business, consumer and labor-are part things we, as citizens, pay our tax money for. These things, indeed, are the only excuse for government to collect taxes in the first place.

The question remains why it is the national government, rather than some other level of government, which is doing most of the spending. The answer is that this is the case because it is the national government which is carrying out most of the responsibilities of gov-There is yet another factor in these protections could be maintred that period referenced the interests of busi-There is yet another factor in these protections could be maintred that period referenced the interests of busi-if ree enterprise." That is the pro-

### The Marshall Plan's Future— After 1952—What?

(This is the third in a series of reports to the readers of the "Vetera Voice" by Eden Gray, former State Historian and Vice-Chairman of th Lafayette AVC Chapter, who is currently spending a year traveling in Europe):

Paris, December 18, 1949 "Wednesday night the local ADA chapter had a round-table discussion between Barry Bingham, Chief of the ECA Special Mission to France, Theodore White of the Overseas News Agency; David Schoenbrun of the Columbia Broadcasting System; Russell Hill, New York Herald Tribune, and Mr. Hurd from the Christian Science Monitor. It was a packed house and a most interesting evening. I took a few notes and thought you might like to know what they had to say about ECA. The topic discussed was: "After 1952—What?"

Bingham spoke of what ECA had accomplished and what targets of what should be called "good government," They protect the strong and ruthless. These are the France had set herself for 1952. Steel production had increased by onea dollar deficit of \$200,000,000 in 1952. This meant that France had to make more effort to sell things in the dollar markets, which could be done only by better merchandising, reduction of costs, and stopping of protective cartels. More effort must go into utilizing the French colonies for this purpose, and French Labor must be given more hope for the future. He said that ECA money and help had not been trickling down to the lower levels, and that the French worker was paid very poorly, as compared to the British laboring man.

He suggested that one of three\* things might be done in 1952:

ing money to France;

mean the emergence of communistic regimes;

3. The U. S. might buy more uate the third year. European goods, with a reduction in tariffs.

David Schoenbrunn asked the question: Who is getting the benefit from increased French production? He thought that whoever it was, the laborer was no better off because of it. To be sure, the Communist Party has lost ground in France's national income, are pay-

said that he doesn't think anyone 1. The U. S. might continue giv-really knows yet what the Marsh-g money to France; all Plan is all about. In its first 2. The U. S. might abandon the year, we were busy giving much-European countries to their fate, needed quick relief to the Eurowhich would almost inevitably pean countries. The second year was taken up with the British crisis, and no one can as yet, eval-

> The following night I attended a meeting sponsored by the Paris Chapter of the AVC, to which it had invited a number of French newspaper men to tell the French side of the picture. The question discussed was: "Is there a real American policy in France?"

It was felt by the workers that France—probably as a result of our policy over here was too fluid needed tax reforms. The white- ers, it has actually very little to collar worker and the working say in shaping policies. All of man, who receive 35 percent of them were willing to admit that ich recovery has been greatly tated v U. S. aid but

requirements imposed by anyone. guards are needed. I would not be required to worry about money to pay for the build- ly, to social and health insurance ing, machinery, or labor, if I for the rest of the citizens of the could acquire it on credit. Nor United States. If it is right and would I have to worry about elementary safety regulations inher- be so for citizens. Laborers and

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farmers' subsidies are more closely related to the subsidies granted industry. Subsidies to industry are included in the rosy picture of the "good old days" when we had "free enterprise" and "good gov-ernment." Subsidies to the farment in that type of activity. True all consumers pay taxes for "good ers are included in social welfare free enterprise is a system of government" just as much as the of the "welfare state" category. Industry's subsidies are results of "good government," but farmers' subsidies are granted under "ex-travagant" and "wasteful" government. It is important, however, to years ago. note that both types of subsidies were paid from the same source of money—the general tax fund which is collected from all citizens. If industry's subsidies are right, why is it not right for farmers to have subsidies as well, since both are paid by the same people?

Social Security Insurance Health Insurance are closely analogous to tariffs and subsidies to industry. Tariffs protect the health and security of our industry, as Social Security and Health Insurance will protect that of all citizens. (But, you say, tariffs do not well as for labor. Yet the same be consistent in their thinking.)

will cost more than Industrial jority. Health and Security Insurance, strong and healthy, needs health one but itself. So the answer to gloves.

needed trade with Eastern Europe, an old market for French goods. He commented on the excellent ligation too often. spirit of the French worker, who fruits of his labor.

Mr. Hurd of the Christian Sci-French workers were worse off

Theodore White felt that in 1952, countries such as Greece, Turkey, Germany and Italy would still be on the dole. He said that the U.S. could tell those countries what it wanted done. On the other hand, countries such as France, England and the Scandinavian countries are equal partners of the United States, with whom we ago we were too isolated, but that negotiate rather than dictate.

All men spoke about Hoffman's new word, "Integration," and wondered just what it meant. White

cost anything. . . the other coun- ment" as that which offers, or

security insurance, then the rest of the question "What is meant by of the people need it even more.

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cold war is another complicating insisted that French effort itself factor, preventing, as it does, much accounted for much. While France is grateful for U.S. help, it does not like to be reminded of its ob-

Some of them were afraid that worked hard and devotedly with- ECA was being used by some out getting much benefit from the Americans for private gain, and they wished fervently that we could supply a positive American ence Monitor agreed that the ideology in place of the negative "Stop Communism" drive. On the today than they had been ten subject of the Atlantic Pact, they were appreciative, but didn't like the idea that if Paris were bombed while Congress was in recess, they would have to wait for our help. They also didn't like the talk that France was to be the "shock absorber.

> The French journalists felt that the U.S. was swinging from one extreme to the other; that years now we interfere too much. This was interesting in view of the fact that the Americans the previous night felt that we did not interfere enough.

Some of the Frenchmen felt that our present attempts to stifle tries pay for them. Yes, and the grants, the same benefits for one French cartels was because, by consumer pays for them through part of the citizenry as it does for banding together, the French inincreased prices of the goods he the other, the conclusion is that buys. It will also be insisted that our national government is far cheaply, and that we did not want buys. It will also be insisted that tariffs enable industry to pay more for labor, thereby increasing standards of living for the consumer as described better today than it was 20 years such a French threat to our predominant position in the world government" is that which is the most efficient or spends least, then quoted the story of Denmark people who say this will insist that there is probably no such thing as a how the Danes were encouraged labor gains nothing by fighting for higher wages. They should at least reason to suppose that a good government bight from the balles were encouraged to ship lots of butter to the United States, whereupon U. S. dairymen ernment is one which favors a protested vigorously. The same Social Security and Health In- small, powerful minority to the was true with Swedish wood pulp. surance (if it comes into being) detriment of the large, weaker maidea that the U.S. would buy History will bear out the state- Swedish wood pulp, and then the but simply because the latter cov- ment that industry was the first U. S. wood industries turned ers only a small fraction of the to call for social security—for in- thumbs down. After all, one man people who pay taxes. Again I in- dustry—paid for by the general said, it is not very easy to close sist that what is good for industry citizen. It will also bear out that the dollar gap when all America should also be right for the large industry has always been opposed will really buy from France is majority. If industry, which is to benefits being granted to any- whiskey, china, perfume, lace and

have good government? The an-opposition to benefits granted by for sure what that could be. They swer is "yes" for national govern-the state to any other group be-felt that whatever it was going ment; and "no" for local government. In defining "good governto be a member. Selfish, isn't it?

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#### Crusade For Hysteria . . . Editorial

The Following Is A Reprint From The Congress Weekly Of February 6, 1950

There have been few conferences so bizarre or so ominous as the "All-American Conference" sponsored in New York City on January 28-29 by the American Legion to "form a united front against Communism." The press reported that principles would require patriotic fifty-eight national organizations, purporting to represent a combined membership of fifty million, participated in the conference out of the seventy-six groups originally invited to attend. Eighteen groups evidently rejected the Legion's invitation while six, according to the director of the Legion's Americanism Committee, were not permitted to send delegates "because they were extremely liberal or occasionally followed the Communist Party line." The names of those who refused or were refused participation were not revealed. Among those who addressed the conference were such "All-Americans" as Senator Karl Mundt of Mundt-Ferguson bill fame and State Senator Jack Tenney, who won his place on the team for his performance as California's ace witch-hunt-

The roster of the groups participating in the conference is amusing, grotesque and frightening. The list, as was to be expected, is heavily weighted with organizations who miss no opportunity to drape themselves in the American flag in order to flaunt their particular brand of patriotism. Since anti-Communism is regarded by many people today as the only valid standard of American patriotism, it was natural that such groups as the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce should have turned out in full force.

We are highly satisfies to note the absence from the con-

ference of a group of organizations which have established ends or when they refuse to abide themselves among the most authentic spokesmen of Ameriby organizational discipline, they can liberalism—the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Veterans Committee (AVC), Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) and the American Jewish Congress. We do not know which of these groups achieved distinction by refusing an invitation and which, like the American Jewish Congress, had distinction thrust upon them by exclusion from the list of invitees. But the absence alienable right of membership in of all of these organizations is the more significant when the relationship of each of them to Communists is examined.

The regulations of the ACLU specifically ban Communists from membership on any of its governing bodies. The NAACP barred all Communist and Communist-front groups from the national civil rights mobilization which it recently sponsored. The AVC has sought to purge the Communists in its ranks. The ADA was launched as a non-Communist, if not as an anti-Communist, liberal movement. And no Jewish group has been the object of such malicious attacks by Communists, both here and abroad, as the American Jewish Congress. It is likely, however, that these organizations were among those considered "extremely liberal" by the American Legion because of their consistent leadership in resisting encroachment on civil liberties even when unpopular groups have been involved.

The theme of the conference American democracy.

introduced into Congress.

cy, which their spokesmen exploit. and actions questionable.

was no less ominous than the ex- "All - American Conference," tent of participation it succeeded however, discussed nothing of the the civil rights of all groups, what-selves from such a movement be-witnessed in a long time. in enlisting. A permanent organi- sort. Its utterly negative motiva- ever ther political orientation, can cause of alleged "public relations" zation has been created to conduct tion will serve only to breed more hardly have concerned most of considerations. a national crusade against Com-hysteria and fear which will ine-munism. The reports are vague as vitably endanger American free-Conference." Communists seek to a national crusade against Com- hysteria and fear which will ine- the delegates to the "All-American to the form this crusade will assume. But the conference seems to have taken its keynote from Senator Mundt who advocated the passition age of several items of repressive up to ridicule in the eyes of the second to the form this crusade will assume. But the conference seems to have taken its keynote from Senator Mundt who advocated the passition of the fact that the appeal of totalitarian systems is weakened out of."

Conference. Communists seek to infiltrate liberal groups. We doubt that the Chamber of Commerce or stand. For organized labor has generally revealed a deep perception of the fact that the appeal of totalitarian systems is weakened out of." legislation such as he has already democratic world. For few peo- problem of Communist infiltration, We have repeatedly affirmed lieve that this country is in any are especially disturbed by the de-our conviction that no system of danger of domestic Communism, nial of civil liberties to any radical ideas or social theories can ever let alone such danger as to call for political groups. be successfully challenged or re- a national crusade. This "Allsisted by negatives or by repres- American" performance will do seems clear to us, abused rather sion. Totalitarian ideologies, much to convince other lands that than enhanced or furthered real whether of the Fascist, Commun- we are engulfed by a tidal wave Americanism. For genuine patrioist or any other variety, feed on of national hysteria which makes tism is never established by ostenthe imperfections in our democra- the soundness of all our judgments tatious flag-waving or flamboyant

ist activities." We have consistently affirmed the right of the Government to insist on unequivocal loyalty from those who serve in its ranks. But we have equally insisted that the exercise of that right must in no way impair the fundamental civil liberties of this country. We have therefore opposed the House Committee on Un-American Activities and such legislation as the Mundt-Ferguson bill as unnecessary and dangerous. Indeed, the meager results of the Government's loyalty program, which have accentuated the need for sensationalizing and over-publicizing the few cases that have reached the courts, seem to indicate that the abuses and dangers of that program considerably outweigh the positive results it is likely to achieve.

The Government certainly does not require the assistance of a national crusade for the enforcement of its loyalty program. Quite the contrary, a genuine understanding and loyalty to American civic groups constantly to scrutinize that program in order to come Tax. prevent abuse and the miscarriage of justice. Responsibility for the prosecution of a loyalty program must carry with it the equal responsibility to guard, and when necessary to protest and to act, against its misuse. We do not recall that the Daughters of the American Revolution or the National Association of Manufacturers or most of the other groups represented at the conference have ever demonstrated any particular recognition of this phase of their American responsibility.

Another problem with which the conference concerned itself was that of Communist infilteration. Any organization has the right to protect the integrity of its program and the democratic discipline of its movement even to the extent of denying membership to those tion from its stated purposes by converting it into a battleground

Liberal movements, and particularly the trade unions, have increasingly been forced to face that problem of infilteration in recent years. The denial of membership involves no issue of civil rights. The Constitution of the United States grants to no person the inbership in a voluntary body bears eges, and those who violate the

But those liberal groups which been in actual opposition. have faced the problem of infilterdefend the civil rights and liberties even of those whom they may deny a voice in their own midst. To take the outstanding example, the ACLU, though denying Communists membership on its boards, ple in other lands can possibly be- and we likewise doubt that they

The conference, it therefore oratorical denunciation of "isms." These ideologies can be checked | Another of the Conference's ob- The genuine substance of Amerionly by removing those imperfections through maintaining and extending the freedoms and equalities which are the assence of straint and abolition of Communities of The gentine substance of Thieffectives, according to its sponsors, can patriotism lies in a practical dedication to the ideals of free-dom and equality. In this regard, ties which are the assence of straint and abolition of Communities of Thieffectives, according to its sponsors, can patriotism lies in a practical dedication to the ideals of free-dom and equality. In this regard, the particities which are the assence of straint and abolition of Communities of Thieffectives, according to its sponsors, can patriotism lies in a practical dedication to the ideals of free-dom and equality.

#### Indiana Gross Income Tax

One of the vital issues that the State Council is going to concern itself with is the repeal of the Gross Income Tax in favor of a graduated net income. The Indiana Gross Income Tax is a "soak the poor" tax which makes no allowance for marital status, extraordinary expenses or amount of income

The foundation of the American system of taxation is tax based on ability to pay. Under the gross income tax, a person earning \$3,000 a year pays the same tax of 1 percent as does the person earning \$100,000 per year. Further, the larger corporations of the state pay a negligible amount of gross income tax because most of their shipments are interstate and not taxable. To complete the "soak the poor" pattern of the Gross Income Tax, a taxpayer unmarried, earning \$3,000 a year, pays the same tax as a married taxpayer with four chil-

The Indiana Gross Income Tax is inequal and must be

We suggest that a graduated net income tax plan be adopted to replace the Gross Income Tax because it corrects all the evils of the Gross Income Tax and is based on the wholly American theory of taxation based on ability to pay.

We call on every candidate for the State Legislature to clarify his stand on repeal of the "Soak the poor" Gross In-

### The Future Of AVC As I See It

By Irwin Katz

The present trend to the Right seems to be the type of illusion that our Free Press likes to create. It should be evident to us in AVC that the people generally support what is now referred to as the welfare state. What happens is that there are no mediums of public information in Indiana where this expression of the public will can be shown except at the polls and the people seem to have done that fairly effectively for as long a time as our country has been in existence.

The job of AVC is to make every issue clear to the people so that they make the decision in terms of what is best for them. We must speak out forthrightly for what we believe in, pointing out its relation to the entire pattern of American democracy. It is clear to all that our one devotion is to the American ideal and that our job is to pressure for its extension to all people regardless of race, color and creed. These are who subvert that integrity and violate that discipline. When not merely words to us but we try to make these ideals come groups seek to divert an organiza- alive by implementing them with legislation such as FEPC, minimum wage, housing, and others.

Let us not backtrack from what we believe in

forfeit their right to membership. although frequently that seems like forlorn hope. Let us have the intestinal fortitude to support those people whom we believe are right regardless of whose toes we may step on. Let us compromise on some things—but not on our principles.

> The AVC ideal is the one that the future of America must be built on. Let's fight for it.

pants in the conference is a sorry to the degree in which our own any voluntary organization. Mem- one. In the challenge to civil liber- freedoms and civil rights are responsibilities as well as privil- all Americans the freedoms and always been acutely sensitive to principles established by our Conresponsibilities forfeit their privil- stitution, most of them have been labor threatened by masked atstrikingly silent, and many have

The role of many of these groups ever, recognized their obligation to of them, like the Daughters of the

ties and in the fight to extend to maintained and expanded. It has the impairment of the rights of tacks on "radical" ideologies. It is quite likely that, because of the preoccupation of ation have at the same time, how- is by no means surprising. Some organized labor with the legitimate task of combating Commun-American Revolution or the Na- ist infiltration in the unions, its tional Association of Manufactur- perspective on the larger probers, have always defined Ameri- lem and issue has become distortcanism exclusively in terms of ed. We regard its initial participatheir crass prejudices or vested in- tion in the "All-American Conferterests; and in their participation ence" as a tragic blunder. And we has been the most courageous and in this latest crusade they are earnestly hope that it regains that fearless defender of the rights of running true to form. Others con- perspective before it becomes irspeech and assembly of Commun-tinue to reveal the muddled think-revocably committed to a crusade ists. The interrelated problems of ing which marks all their activi- which carries the seeds of the most coping with subversive infiltera- tivies. Still others clearly lack dangerous and un-American antition and the obligation to defend the courage to dissociate them- liberal movement this country has

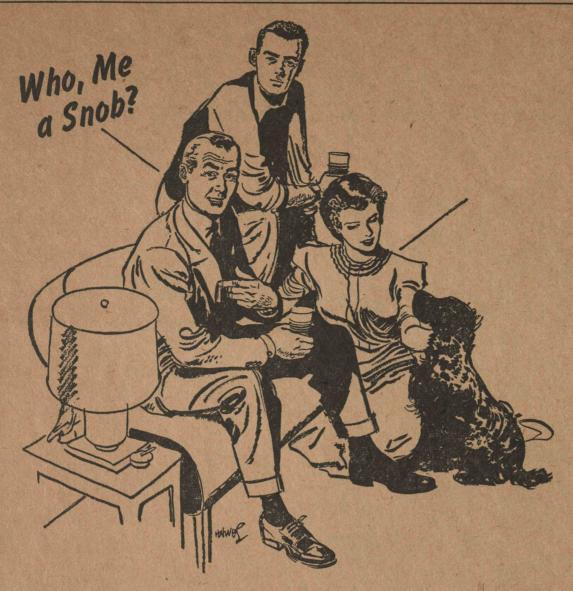
"Tell me," said an old gentleman,

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See what I mean-never mind your people. It's you we're talking about.

lunch did you start picking and race apart -make a few cracks about someone's religion? You see, that's where the trouble

Well, I--I uh ...

Look, Mister, nobody is saying that you mean to be intolerant - but every time you make a crack like that you are hurting your country's unity.

Okay, what kind of day did you have? Bawl out any waiters? Give any dirty looks? And when you got on to politics at I never thought of that. Say-who are you anyway?

Your conscience.



## Accept or reject people on their individual worth

#### What Do You Read?

cooled furnaces, were an incred- ord so horrible that the wildest is even more unbelievable.

"Doctors of Infamy," edited by Nazis will never forget the sights the German Medical Commission, men whose talents should have they witnessed in the liberated and others connected with the concentration camps. The quickly Nuremburg Trial, is a record of deserted camps, with their dead, the medical "experiments" contheir dying, and their barely- ducted by Nazi physicians-a rec-

ible testament to the bestiality imagination of a fiction writer and depravity of the Nazis. But could not match it. Yet this is not the full story of the Nazi horror fiction; it is a true account of madmen turned loose on hundreds of thousands of innocent victims been devoted to healing and soothing the sick, but who instead maimed, sterilized and killed healthy human beings; who depregnant women with horrible diseases so they could study the effects; who subjected innocent victims to experimentation so vile

"Experimental persons" as these victims were called, were people of every nationality and creed imprisoned by the Nazis: Poles, Czech, Russians, Catholic priests and Jewish children—all filled the concentration camps of Europe. Most died under the planned tortures of the Nazi doctors; some who lived are forever crippled, diseased and insane.

"Doctors of Infamy" is a book to be reckoned with today. As we relax our denazification program we soon afford to forget that domination psychology which tion? An enemy so poisoned, so devoid of moral judgments cannot reform overnight. We dare not

in Germany; as "acquitted" azis resume industrial leadership and occupy posts as jurists, teachers and city officials under American occupation, "Dictors of Infamy" reminds us to stand guard. Can brought us two wars in a generarelax our vigilance!

## 1950 State Platform

The Indiana AVC announces the following principle addition to the National Platform of AVC as adopted at convention in Chicago in November. In advocating and work ing for the adoption of these principles, AVC in Indiana proposes to cooperate with like-minded organizations to defeat the menaces of totalitarianism and to improve our democratic

#### STATE PLATFORM As Amended At First Plenary Session

- 1. We favor the submission to the voters by the next General Assembly of the question of holding a convention to draft a new Constitution for the State of Indiana. In this respect, we support the objectives of the State League of Women Voters, the Bureau of Governmental Research at Indiana University and like-minded organizations.
- 2. We favor the abolition of the antiquated township trustee set-up and advocate the handling of relief and school affairs on a county-wide basis.
- 3. We urge the General Assembly to perform its constitutional duty to reapportion the seats of both Houses of the Legislature. Failing this, we favor a constitutional amendment empowering the Secretary of State to reapportion the Legislature after every federal decennial census.
- 4. We urge legislation providing for a direct primary for the nomination of Senators and Governors of Indiana.
- 5. We favor a reorganization of our State Government which would regroup all boards, commissions and other agencies, according to major purpose into a limited number of departments directly responsible to the Governor.
- 6. We favor a state-wide civil service system for all state and county employees below the policy-making level, with compensation and tenure comparable to those of federal civil service employees.
- 7. We favor the enactment of a Fair Employment Practices Law with adequate penalties, prohibiting all forms of discrimination in public and private employment, based on race, color, creed, or national origin, to be enforced by a State Fair Employment Practices Commission: and we also favor the strengthening and enforcement of the present act and, if necessary, the passage of an additional act forbidding segregation in places of public acommodation.
- 8. We favor increasing maximum unemployment compensation benefits to a maximum of \$30 for 30 weeks, and expanded coverage. Involvement in labor disputes shall not constitute cause for denial of unemployment benefits. Claimants should receive adequate additional compensation for each de-
- 9. We urge the Governor to examine the practicability of forbidding segregation and discrimination in the Indiana State Guard because of race, creed, color, or national origin, by executive order. In the event that this cannot be done by executive order, we favor the enactment of a law so providing.
- 10. We oppose the establishment of a State Un-American Activities Committee or any agency designed to discredit citizens for the political beliefs which they hold.
- 11. We favor the maintenance of rent controls wherever many in pursuit of the fleeing Alexander Mitscherlich, head of It is a documented report about necessitated by the housing situation within the state.
  - 12. We advocate changing the state flat-rate tax on gross income to a graduated tax on net income.
  - 13. We favor reforms in the procedure of the Indiana liberately injected children and Legislature to permit more adequate handling of its functions.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

1. Whereas, the Indiana State Industrial Union Council, that death came as a blessed re- CIO, has been highly cooperative with AVC, and its officers have fully supported AVC's program and activities,

> Therefore, be it resolved, that this Indiana State Convention of AVC record its appreciation to the CIO and especially of District No. 30 of the United Steel Workers of America, CIO, and its director, James Robb.

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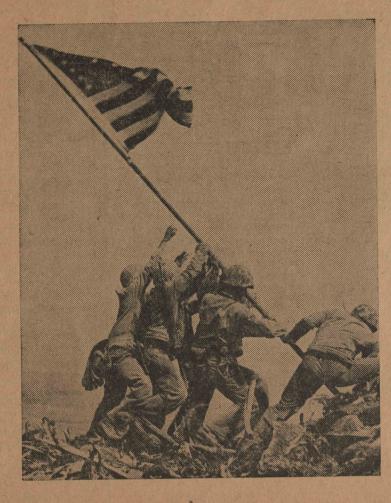
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Thierry, of Okinawa. Yes, it's a long road, a road 175 years long. Nineteen hundred fifty marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps. What we, as the people of a free nation, owe to the Marine Corps is a question that can never be answered in dollars or cents. It can never be answered in terms of gratitude, or humble thanks.

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## State Chairman's Annual Report

Excerpts From Convention Report Of Former State Chairman Sondermann

The following are excerpts from the Annual Report of the State surance which will permit Ameri-Chairman, submitted to the Fifth State Convention of AVC, Indianapolis, January 7th, 1950.

The State Of The Organization

'In the privacy of this convention, we can admit that we continue Senators to make themselves effito be a small group, much smaller than we would like to be or than we thought we were going to be. But at the same time, we can also proudly claim that AVC in Indiana, at a time when the membership of all veterans organizations declined drastically, has not only more that our urgings were of no avail, than held its own in membership, but has made great advances in as both Senators voted in favor of public acceptance, and has scored significant successes in its political a rule which will make the conprogram. There is no other State or Area Council of this organization sideration of Civil Rights in the which has survived the past year in as good a shape as we did."

"In many respects the past year has been one of consolidation and retrenchment. We have lost chapters which we could ill afford to the State level; call the roll of lose. But the picture is not wholly black. In Indianapolis we were able successfully to consolidate an inactive chapter with an active one, to the benefit and advantage of everyone concerned. Indianapolis No. 1 and No. 6 have grown in a most satisfactory manner. Bloomington is which your State Council has on the way up, and South Bend and East Chicago are trying very hard fought and should continue to fight. to get there, too. A new chapter has been chartered and is active in And we can also say: Call the roll

in this field.

#### Political Action

"Of equal significance with our work in the chapter field has been our work pertaining to policy We have been more influential and more often successful than any organization of even ten times our size would have a right to expect.'

"On the State level, we actively led the fight against the imposition of a Sales Tax to pay a Veterans' Bonus which we didn't want. Our fight on the bonus issue was a real ana's Congressional delegation. test of statesmanship for AVC, and Housing was our Number One ac-

with our chapters during the past they were responsible, the largest Those of you who have of them was not at all backward of AVC's good and fast friends and been active on the chapter level about expressing its belief that will confirm my statement that what this state needed-more urgthe State Council has cooperated ently than housing, health and civil in every possible way with local rights—was a State Un-American chapters, that we have never been Activities Committee . . . AVC found wanting when our chapters fought and licked that proposition asked us for aid, and that we do twice. It was another instance in not need to apologize for our efforts which we preferred principle to

> "AVC was also in the forefront segregation in Indiana's public schools. We fought—and will continue to fight-for a State FEPC good.'

#### National Legislation

on the local level. We urged the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Lawand lost-and the raising of the minimum wage-and won. We participated very actively in the fight can families to live without the constant dread of the economic effects of illness. We urged our two Senate more difficult than ever."

"On the national as well as on progressive measures, of benefit to our state and nation, and you have called the roll of measures for of every liberal organization, of "We have cooperated closely \$150 million expenditure for which every progressive-thinking leader in this State, and you call the roll co-workers.'

#### The Men Who Did The Work

"I would be greatly remiss in my duty and lacking in gratefulness were I not to say that this work has been done by any one man, but by a group of fine people in this expediency, and it was another state with whom it has been a real fight which we won." privilege to work during the past year. We were never lacking in people who supported and susof the successful fight to eliminate tained us at every opportunity on the state level, men like George Winder, Bob Long, Sam Macer, Arnie Feldman, Ed Bennett, Earl law that is more than a pious Cole, Kurt Freudenthal and Walstatement that all men ought to be lace Rusterholtz; and on the chapter level, men like Elmer Ward, Mel Pierce and others in Bloomington, Roland Dickerson and Dr. "Your State Office was in con-Streets in South Bend, Ken Payne stant and close touch with Indi-and a host of friends in Indianapolis, Jim Carter and his co-workers revealed more clearly than it had ever been revealed before the bastribution which Marty Larner has continually made to AVC on all litical persecution, filibusters, and ent today than they were when we ic differences which distinguished every other of chort points are supported by the state of chort points and continuary made to the state and local. Nor do I have to experience of chort points and continuary made to the state and local. Nor do I have to experience of chort points and continuary made to the state and local. Nor do I have to experience of chort points and continuary made to the state and local.

## Notables Congratulate AVC On Fifth Annual State Convention

The following are excerpts from congratulatory messages received by the State Office of the American Veterans Committee on the occasion of AVC's Fifth Annual State Convention:

From Congressman Madden: "I wish you would extend my sincere congratulations on the success of your organization and the outstanding work you are doing to further progressive legislation."

From Congressman Jacobs: "While my congressional duties will require my constant presence in Washington, I wish to take this opportunity to extend to you my most hearty greetings, and wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year."

From Carl H. Mullen, President, Indiana State Federation of Labor: "I wish to extend the congratulations of the Indiana State Federation of Labor on the excellent program which your organization is supporting. We are indeed glad to know that the American Veterans Committee is giving support to such a progressive legislative program as has been outlined by your public statements and your convention reso-

'I express the hope that your organization will continue to grow and prosper; that you will continue, as I feel that you will, to support such a progressive program in behalf of all the citizenship of Indiana and of the nation."

sociation, cooperation and friend- ings." ship that exists between our organization and the American Veterans Committee. The AVC is one unit to the proof of the control organization that has stood shoulder to shoulder with our organization in fighting for civil rights and for the extension of democracy throughout Indiana. We remember specifically the tremendous assistance given us by your organizapassage of House Bill 242 eliminating segregated schools in Indiana, ter social and economic life. and for your assistance in unsuccessful fights on the issues of FEPC and more effective civil rights legislation.

organization for the leadership afbut for every American citizen, re-

From Willard B. Ransom, presi- housing authority in Indianapolis, dent, Indiana State National As- and we were happy to join you in sociation for the Advancement of this effort. We know that in the Colored People: ". . . . the future we can call upon AVC to NAACP appreciates the close as- assist us in all of our undertak-

express the sentiment of the State CIO Office by stating that we certainly appreciate the close cooperation given us by the State Officers of AVC, in their all-out support along with our organization, the CIO, to obtain the enacttion in the victorious fight for the ment of liberal legislation, which would assure our people of a bet-

"I assure you of our continued support and close cooperation in the building of a bigger AVC, a real veterans organization, which "We take off our hats to your builds not only for the veteran, forded by you in the fight for a gardless of race, color, or religion."

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Muncie-would have been impos- zens.' sible without the untiring and devoted effort of the AVC organizer, Dick Fritzmeier. All these were the men who maintained AVC during the past year, and these are the men who are going to build it during the next."

#### Cooperation Within AVC

"We have had our disagreements, but much more important were our agreements and our cooperation. Factionalism has not been a problem in Indiana AVC because we have not allowed it to become one. We have kept our heads and concluded that our agreements were infinitely more far-reaching than our disagreements. I can say in all sincerity and without equivocation that during the past year, no policy-decision on the statelevel has been dictated by factional considerations. And one of the finest compliments paid to this administration came from one of our members who is, as he himself said, politically considerably ing that our highly complex socito my left, and who told me that ety can and does make provision our clean, above-board way of for those of its members who, conducting the affairs of AVC without fault of their own have made it possible and even pleasurable to remain a member and fight for one's convictions within the organization, in spite of occasional disagreements with organizational policy. I suggest to you that we continue the policy which permits differences of opinion within AVC. If we ever lose our ability to cooperate for common objectives in spite of occasional disagreements, we will have lost something very precious, something which this administration worked hard to preserve."

#### AVC's Political Philosophy

"It has been a proud year, and you may believe me when I say that I have been proud to be your ard of Living, for civil rights, for ally, execute efficiently, select political freedom, for Health pro- wise policies and elect good leadand all Americans. We fought principles of avc, honor to serve you."

that the building of two great promised increased freedom from chapters—Indianapolis No. 6 and want and fear to our fellow-citiwant and fear to our fellow-citi-

> "AVC's philosophy is that the veteran is not someone apart from his fellow-citizens, but that he is part of the greatest experiment the world has yet known, and that he must play his full and intelliligent part participating in that experiment and directing it. The experiment is to provide for a fuller and richer life for all people, a life of dignity, security, and real freedom-not the freedom to live in poor housing, the freedom to be unemployed, sick, hungry, and dependent, but the freedom to enjoy the fruits of life which

> "We in AVC have a mission: to freedom; that, in fact, you cannot have either initiative, progress, or freedom unless you do have the security that comes from knowwithout fault of their own, have been less fortunate than their fellows.

"It has become increasingly clear arrange it for us. The task is ours. larger, more powerful groups, but group—and one of the very few groups of any kind-capable and willing to handle it. It is an awesome and impressive task, not made for cynics and doubters or for those who give up easily. It requires, in the words of our past National Chairman, a heroic act of faith. It requires more. It re-State Chairman during this time. quires the willingness to apply Look at the record: We fought for ourselves, to work hard. It re-Housing, for an improved stand- quires the ability to plan realistic-

"I said at the outset that this was not an apologetic convention. That was true. But it is also a negative definition. What is the positive approach? What kind of a Convention is this? My answer to you is that it is, in a more real sense than any of our previous Conventions, a Convention of Confidence; confidence that our objectives are right; confidence that our goals are achievable; confidence that we have the intelligence, the ability, and—most of all—the guts to fulfill our purposes; confidence that we are here to stay and to grow; confidence that on the work of the past year and the preceding years we can and will provide in abundance for all of our people." build a newer, bigger, better structure during the next year; confidence in ourselves and in our land and its institutions, which tell the world that you can have make it possible for us to assert security and initiative, security and ourselves and make ourselves effective; confidence that if there is to be a better world, it is up to us to make it so; and confidence that we can do the job.'

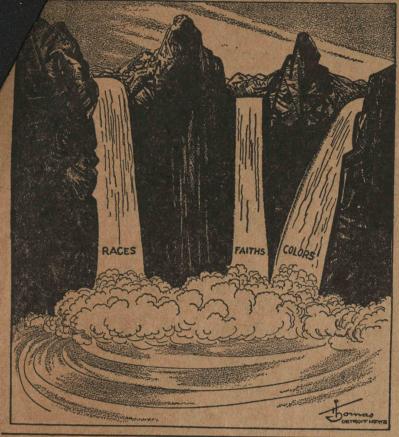
#### Conclusion

"This administration takes leave that it has served our organization to the best of its ability. We leave to our successors a small but vigorous and effective AVC. that we shall wait long for pro-gress if we depend on others to the greatest of difficulties and has remained intact, a group which We would prefer to share it with today—for the first time in years -is organically sound and finanthey refuse to take it on, and we cially solvent, a group which is have to do it ourselves. It is ours healthier, more dynamic, and because we are the only veterans more capable of greatness than ever before."

> "In planning our course for 1950, Indiana AVC will not retreat from its principles or its purpose. It will not be content to stand still and rest on its achievements during the past year. Indiana AVC looks to the future with confidence, determination, and hope."

"In the fight which is ahead of us—just as in the work that is now past, you and I will always tection, and for the rights of Labor ers. It requires rededication to the be together. It has been a great

#### y Streams Feed The Sea Of Life



**AVC'er Directs Fiery Blast** At Public Housing Foes

Martin L. Larner, Housing Chairman of Indianapolis No. mother. 1 of the American Veterans Committee, lashed out this month in a fiery criticism at opponents of Indianapolis public housing proposals. Coming to the defense of Harry V. Wade, head of the recently created Indianapolis Public Housing Authority, who appeared before the Indianapolis City Council to recommend immediate construction of 2,000 dwelling units for persons in low income brackets, Mr. Larner declared, "The time is long overdue for the Construction League and the Indianapolis Real Estate Board to put up or shut up. visit, with no improvement in the They keep yelling for more surveys, more 'evidence' and so man's condition, the doctor blew forth, but they have never offered that first bit of proof they are doing any thing whatsoever to build dwellings for people have done all that I could for are doing anything whatsoever to build dwellings for people

First tramp: "This is the first cigar I've had in three weeks.' Second tramp: "What's been the

First: "Had lumbago and couldn't

#### ENLIGHTENING THE LAW

A policeman in a southern town entered a lodge hall, confronted the portly secretary and said: "What's this I hear about you threatening to carve Rastus Jackson up with

"Rastus Jackson?" echoed the gawking secretary. "Why all I done tole him was dat eff'n he didn't pay his lodge dues, I was goin' to dismember him."

#### WORLD WISE

An old farmer was talking to his hired man.

"I don't hold with all this newfangled stuff they're teaching the kids in school nowadays," he said. "My kid came home the other day and said they taught him that the world was round."

"But the world is round," said

the hired hand.

'See there!" said the old farmer. "They've even got you believ-

Upon being offered some roast chicken, Sam accepted a drumstick.

"Now, Sam, would you like some of this nice stuffing?" asked his

"No, thank you," he replied. And after a thoughtful moment, added, "And I don't see why the chickens eat it either.'

#### BETTER QUALIFIED

The doctor had for a patient a stubborn, self-opinionated man who disregarded most of his advice and diet rules. After the third

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is almost half of the people of this city."

Continuing, Mr. Larner said, "Throughout the long battle to bring a Public Housing Authority to Indianapolis, AVC and other proponents for public housing brought forth the evi- the stubborn one exclaimed. dence compiled by social agencies and the marketing survey made by a local daily newspaper. All this evidence pointed to a shortage of 20,000 housing units, with one-third of the existing dwellings considered to be substandards. Mr. Abrams MODEST WISH and Mr. Savage and their groups failed to disprove those findings then, and as a result a Housing Authority was created by the City Council in a democratic manner."

"Those groups aren't in any better position today to offset those facts, so they continue to conduct their ill-considered attempts to subvert the will of the majority by calling for more 'evidence'. As far as they are concerned, people in Indianapolis making less than fifty dollars per week evidently do not exist, except as the recipients of 'hand-me-down' housing, at outrageous rentals, that is already well on the way to becoming a slum. If they have a sincere regard for people in such circumstances, then I suggest that Mr. Abrams and Mr. Savage present a little evidence of their own of any housing whatsoever that has been built in the almost four and one-half years since the war, that will rent for \$25-\$35 a month.

"Failing to do so, we suggest that the real estate interests instead consider the experience of many cities who have bor, "what should a little boy say created public housing without harming private housing. Such undertakings have given thousands of families new hope and literally thousands of children a vastly improved opportunity to become good citizens.

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"Why, that man is a veterinary!"

"I am well aware of the fact." the doctor replied. "Good-day,

A man, frantic to locate a place to live, asked a naturalist if he knew where he could find a house.

The naturalist replied: "House? Boy, you're getting soft. Why don't you live out in the open air, let old Mother Nature cover you with a blanket of stars, and have the blue firmament above as a roof?"

"Frankly," said the man, "I had in mind something a bit smaller."

Tommy had been given the job of sweeping the snow from a neighbor's front door. After he had completed the task, the neighbor pressed a coin in his hand. Tommy looked at it, but not a

word passed his lips.
"Now, Tommy," said the neighwhen he has been given a nickel for sweeping the snow away?"

"Daddy says I mustn't use that kind of language," said the little

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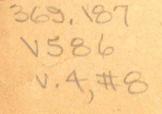
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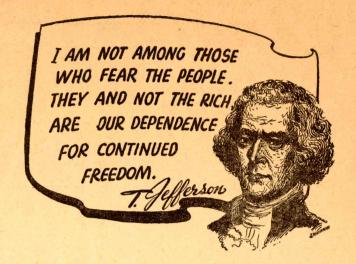
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#### EDITORIAL: Word Worries And The Welfare State

It is inevitable that the atmosphere of fear our newspapers, magazines and radio stations have helped to create would reflect itself in our use of just plain words. To our public officials, for example, the very mention of the word "socialism" or "welfare state" is sufficient to set up a chain reaction of fierce denials. As evidence, we submit the performance of Senator Homer Capehart and Congressman Andrew Jacobs in their recent state tour . . . occasionally referred to as a debate. These gentlemen seemed especially sensitive and word-shy when it came to facing up to our past governmental performances and present economic controversies. They ran from the very words that would properly categorize those things . . . ex-

cept when such reference was in scathing rebuke and seemed likely to score a point against the opposition. Those words were "socialism" and "welfare state."

This tendency to be afraid of something falling into the bracket of "welfare state" or "socialism" is in the ascendency in Indiana and throughout the nation. For political reasons . . and otherwise . . . people have placed themselves on the defensive, and have hedged or denied much that is rooted in fact. This fear of the truth in words that describe social developments enshrouds basic issues in mass confusion, and actually tends to split our personalities.

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#### POLICY .....

"But words are things,
And a small drop of ink
Falling, like dew upon
A thought produces
That which makes thousands
Perhaps millions, think."
Lord Byron

At these prices, it isn't often you'll get poetry in this publication, we warn you. But this is the initial issue of a new journalistic venture, so what the heck—the sky's the limit.

Mr. Byron had something there, we believe, It's our contention, however, that those "small drops of ink" are being used too often right here in Indiana for the purpose of conjuring up an attitude that would in time drastically curtail ink consumption . . . except for a harried and clandestine blob here and there.

Being ardent advocates of increased ink consumption (both as to quantity and quality) we therefore plan to present a point of view that differs substantially from that. As Byron suggests, we propose to offer evidence which will encourage people to think . . . think of all men as their brothers instead of advocating economic and intellectual shackles that, on the contrary, serve to constrict . . . limit . . . outlaw . . . a "dangerous" thought, merely because it is different from the status quo.

As "Citizen First, Veterans Second," AVC'ers have always maintained that a free, healthy society could only be achieved by a greater and more equitable distribution of the world's goods among those who produce them, and that a person also has the right to think what he jolly well pleases, without fear of reprisal. Such a combination, AVC says, can whip the britches off any totalitarian philosophy in existence.

We believe there are many people in Indiana who think as AVC does . . . and that they would be interested in reading articles designed to make this idealism become a reality. "The Indiana Veteran" is, therefore, to serve throughout Indiana as a rallying ground for what is usually termed liberal thought.

Such thought is admittedly a toughie to define, and we just don't have the wisdom to provide a thorough, yet concise, definition. However, if you'll string along with a broad category, we'd say it to be the desire to extend human rights when such comes in conflict with property privileges. Liberal, we have noted, is usually referred to in quotation marks by most newspapers, as though it were a slang expression of some kind. We shall endeavor to keep our concept several notches above that technique, even when referring

#### LILLIAN SMITH ....

We had the rare opportunity to visit recently with Lillian Smith, charming authoress of "Strange Fruit" and "Killers of the Dream," in between several eloquent addresses she made in Indianapolis on behalf of the brotherhood of man. Actually, we're not entirely correct in that statement because as "Miss Lil" emphasized several times during her visit here, "Ah'm not a social crusader. Ah'm an authah."

But while Miss Smith may not choose to be that, her five-foot frame thoroughly embodies what proves to be a bulwark of tremendous strength in the battle against racial prejudice and discrimination. This is inevitable because of how and what she writes and says.

"Killers of the Dream," her most recent book, is a devastating essay of novel length in which she makes a relentless psycho-analysis of the Southern white. Learned behavior regarding sin, sex and segregation, her book says with great authority and unrestraint, has come in conflict with the ideals of democracy with mass schizophrenia the result. This split personality (which is not confined to the South) kills its possessor just as surely as it murders the dream of democracy. It is a powerfully written book that is overstrong medicine for the gradualists and pantywaists.

Miss Smith is equally effective on a speaker's rostrum. As a matter of fact, her speech before a luncheon group sponsored by AVC probably contained more impact than any words uttered regarding human behavior in Indianapolis in a long time.

But her manner was disarming. Diminutive, white haired, and equipped with a built-in Georgian drawl, she stood her full sixty inches and unfolded thoughts that radiated with compact, devastating punches. And the harder she hit, the more she smiled.

Minus the smile and personality, we'd wager her remarks would sound downright radical. She called for a world government, ardently supported psycho-analysis, spoke of sex and love as though they were things we shouldn't be ashamed of, and declared people everywhere were brothers and that they'd better begin to act like it . . . while there was still time.

Yes sir, that's what she said. We'll swear to it. And her listeners seemed to absorb the blows to their bridgework in pretty good shape. It was the smile that did it. We understand, though, that dental business around town was brisk for several days thereafter.

to that same "free press." Wups, there we go . . . goofing off already.

#### MONEY

## The Indiana 'Soak The Poor' Tax Gross Income Tax vs. Net Income Tax By IRWIN KATZ

(Editor's Note: The 1950 state platform of AVC call for abolition of the current State Gross Income Tax and the creation of a Net Income Tax. This is the first in a series of articles examining the numerous inequities that exist under the present plan and what can be done about them.)

On or before January 31, 1950, you paid your Indiana State Gross Income Tax. You griped a little, at the time, perhaps, but a week later you had probably forgotten all about it.

But, actually you had a lot to gripe about. You not only paid your share of the maintenance of the State government but for R. C. A.'s share, Carnegie-Illinois Steel's share, Studebaker's share, Eli Lilly's share and the share of many other corporations because these corporations do not pay any gross income tax on their shipments outside the State.

"That don't seem fair," you say. Well, let's look into it.

The Indiana Gross Income Tax came into being in 1933, passed by a legislature which was controlled by the then governor, Paul V. McNutt, a Democrat. It resulted from the pressure of various groups for the revision of the tax structure that was in existence at that time. The major force behind the move was the Indiana Farm Bureau which was seeking to relieve the farmers of what was considered an excessive property tax burden.

The proponents of tax revision actually favored a Net Income Tax to replace the property taxes and even succeeded in having a Constitutional Amendment to that effect passed by the State Legislature. Although the amendment won popular ratification, it was declared lost through some technicality. As a result of the court fight that followed (in re Todd), the popular ratification was upheld and we may assume that it is now legal for the state to levy a net income tax any time it finds

it necessary.

It is difficult to determine why the McNutt Administration preferred a Gross Income Tax. Politicians have a habit of speaking out of both sides of their mouth and reasons become confusing if viewed from a logical premise. However, the McNutt Administration had a record of lending a willing ear to the Chambers of Commerce, so it may be fair to assume that had something to do with it. When some people objected to the Gross Income Tax, the McNutt administration offered the argument that "it pays for better schools, welfare measures, old age assistance, etc.," completely ignoring the fact that any revenue measure accomplishes the same fact. As far as can be determined, the only argument for the gross income tax is that it seems to be easy to administer—no deductions to be concerned with, no depreciation complications, etc.

On the other hand, the arguments against the gross income tax are many. Fundamentally, the gross income tax is contrary to the basic concept of American taxation—taxation based on ability to pay. Under the existing law, a head of a family of four is called upon to pay the same as a taxpayer with no dependents. The tax is the same—1 percent—for a taxpayer who earns \$3,000 a year as for one who earns \$100,000 per year.

The tax is discriminatory against corporations in interstate commerce in favor of corporations in interstate commerce who pay no tax on their sales outside the state. Finally, despite the appelation of income tax to this tax, a businessman pays the tax whether he does . . . or does not . . . earn any profit, because the tax is levied on sales and not on profits.

It is interesting to note that the Indiana Gross Income Tax is unusual in that no other State has one like it. There are good possibilities that this "soak the poor" tax can be replaced by the more

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equitable net income tax. Numerous state Net Income Tax laws are now on the statute books throughout the nation. The State of Pennsylvania has one of the simplest. The taxpayer—that's you—is asked only to report the amount that he has paid as Federal Income Tax and the State tax is simply a percentage of the Federal tax. For corporations that operate in interstate commerce, most states lexy a tax on the total income and then adjust the tax in the proportion that their assets in the state bear to the total assets. (More about this in a future article.)

While the tendency to maintain the "status quo" is an all too frequent occurrence in Indiana, it is the opinion of the writer that a net income tax may be looked upon with more favor by the Legislature than is generally supposed due to the fact that the present tax does not yield sufficient revenue to meet current needs, and that it will become increasingly inadequate to meet the mounting demands of the State government. There is very strong opposition to any further increase in the gross tax, as was evident last year in the bonus financing discussions.

As this need for more adequate taxation increases, the chances for the passage of a net income tax become brighter. The Schricker administration proposal for a "privilege tax" on State industries who sell outside of the State is of doubtful constitutionality and has met with strong business and industry opposition.

A strong and well organized campaign for a new tax structure with the Net Income Tax as a base can gain wide support. Even the farmers, many of whom have been most favorable to the Gross Income Taxes because the very nature of their transactions enable them to escape payment more easily, may eventually support a Net Income Tax. The farmers will be more receptive now because the Revenue Department has been making a careful check on tax delinquents which resulted in a large influx of revenue from the rural areas. Too, more of them are beginning to realize the common aims they share with city laboring men. Labor, undoubtedly will support a Net Income Tax and retailers and small businessmen should like it better once adequate information has been provided them because their tax burden would now be shared with the large State industries in interstate commerce who are now riding the gravy train.

The fight for a Net Income Tax will be a long one—but it can be won by a combination of the forces outlined above.

(Next Issue: What A State Net Income Tax Will Mean To The Workingman.)

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## Jack Henry Harris, American, And Fair Employment Practices By LOUIS B. GREENBERG

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What is Jack H. Harris? Well, he's an American, with special skills, training, interests and capacities. To a given task he applies himself whole-heartedly. A creative research chemist, turn him loose in a well-appointed laboratory and he'll just about forget the outside world, as he goes about working out some of his hunches.

Wait a minute. Is that what you meant when you asked, "What is Jack Harris?" It's the what that reveals proficiency,—the one kind of data really vital to a prospective employer, except specific details as to courses, grades, achievements, references. Such information is readily available under a Fair Employment Practices law.

There are other "whats"—like "what" religion—"what" color and race—"what" ancestral nationality origin, etc. Indiana's law, since it is without any enforcement provisions, does not prevent an employer from demanding these "what": Are you Protestant, Jew or Catholic? Are you Negro, Japanese, Indian. Are you Mexican, Argentinian, French or Swiss?" He can insist that Jack tell him where in the world his forebears originated, and where Jack first saw the light of day. In eight American states the law declares,

"It shall be an unlawful employment practice, except where based on a bona fide occupational qualification certified by the commission, for any employer, employment agency, or labor organization, prior to employment or admission to membership, to elicit any information concerning the race, color, creed, national origin, or ancestry of any applicant for employment or membership..."

Objectively, what is the employer's real concern? Is he engaging a man or woman to do a job, or just what is he seeking? In a land which heralds its 'equality of opportunity for all' does he have legitimate concern with criteria other than those directly affecting employability? Is it industrial—commercial personnel to be engaged in a democratic-republic, or a social register compiled in a snobocracy, which should prevail?

Well, what happens to Jack? Born in this beloved state, no Hoosier could have loved his nation more nor felt greater pride in its institutions. Jack prepared himself in Indiana's free schools and colleges for life's challenges and processes. There was joy in his heart when he sang, "America, God shed His grace on thee, and Crowned thy good with Brotherhood," and again when he proudly proclaimed the Pledge of Allegiance to "One Na-

tion, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All."

Jack listened attentively, along with his fellow-students, when teachers, assembly and convocation speakers stressed these ideas. He could never forget these precious words:

"Here in the United States we live where there is equality of opportunity. A man may rise from a log cabin to the presidency. Before the laws, the courts and institutions of this free land, all are equal. Unlike Europe and the Orient, we engage in no caste-lines or ancestral worship. The only title to which an American can be born is "Mister," "Miss" or "Misses." Here we recognize men and women for what they are, in terms of human merit, and not because of whom their relatives may be. Each of you is the torch-bearer of freedom, in which your own future will be determined only by considerations such as how you apply your skills and abilities."

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In the Fifteenth Amendment he discovered the same guarantee for voting, as the right of citizens, which "shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

Jack was convinced that the founding fathers of his nation meant equality of opportunity rather than equal ability when they penned in those sacred words of the Declaration of Independence that "all men are equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Jack knew that these were the things that counted in this free land. When enlistments were sought Jack volunteered. Serving with valor, he was decorated for meritorious service, over and beyond the call of duty. Returning to the campus he enrolled in graduate studies. With his degree came special honors for scientific research and achievement. To make up for some of his time away overseas, he married Esther, his high school sweetheart. Richard and Judith proved blessed dividends of this marital merger.

Getting ready for his professional career, Jack noted with interest the arrival at various intervals of field men from some of the nation's biggest industries, seeking leads' on top student talents. When one after another shoulder of his colleagues, who had ranked below him, was tapped, while Jack just didn't seem to be what they were seeking, he wondered: "Is this a country club, fraternity or American industry looking for human material?" With just a trace of bitterness, Jack asked himself: "Maybe I made a mistake in choosing my parents? But then children know nothing about bigotry when they're first born."

Jack couldn't believe this was the real American pattern, because it made a lie of all that he had been taught to believe in school about his precious land. Unable to accept the notion that private industry has not public responsibility, Jack knew that men could live only if permitted to earn a livelihood. Aware that a man can make his greatest social contribution in the field for which he is best equipped, Jack returned to his home town, determined to launch his career.

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Jack almost bit his pipe stem in two as he walked away from the personnel office. He knew that, during the war, there had been Executive Order 9346, "to promote the fullest utilization of all available manpower, and to eliminate discriminatory employment practices." This had been a major step in the winning of the war. Jack asked himself: "Must we be at war before we recognize the importance of utilizing to the fullest possible advantage our nation's manpower? Must men be engaged in wholesale slaughter before we note the value of human resources?" Jack was determined to fight in peace as he had in war for the ideals and the values which, he firmly believed, constituted America's richest heritage as a nation. He would not apathetically waive principles so precious to the future which awaited Richard and Judith. He had fought to safeguard and strengthen liberties which he was not yet fully to enjoy. Since he had returned alive, he knew this fight could not be abandoned.

Somewhere he read from a majority opinion of the United States Supreme Court, delivered in 1915, in which Mr. Justice Hughes spoke for the Court: "It requires no argument to show that the right to work for a living in the common occupations of the community is of the very essence of the personal freedom and opportunity that it was the purpose of the (Fourteenth) Amendment to secure." (Truax v. Raich, 239 U. S. 33, p. 41). Only a single justice dissented from this majority opinion.

Jack and Esther began to work with groups fighting for the principles enunciated in the Fair Employment Practice laws of eight states and in the basic traditions of Indiana and the nation. There were AVC and Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), NAACP and the Indiana Council for Civil and Human Rights, and other groups before whom these ideas must be presented and viewed. This was a fight they were making for Richard and Judith, their own children, and for all children and adults.

Meanwhile, Jack's personal life found him involved in his father's modest business. It was a salvage firm, important to industry but requiring only rudimentary skills. What about the training Jack received from our institutions of learning? Well, unlike the machinery in our huge industrial plants, it was thrown on the scrap-heap without first being utilized. In the laboratory he might have developed some wonder drug to save the lives of victims of some now incurable malady. As an American citizen he now devoted himself to the political and legislative laboratory for laws and other measures to reduce the number of victims of bigotry, segregation, discrimination, and

other social maladies which afflict the body politic.

Jack and Esther resolved to keep their morale and mental health, even if the world had seemed to turn upside down. They knew how many homes were wrecked by such frustrations and maladjustments, leading to divorce and delinquency.

Jack and his family are the heart of our fine human stock. Are they to be put on the social scrap-heap? Is mankind to be impoverished and denied the skills of our Jack Harris and his vast army of prototypes? Occasionally a Percy L. Julian or a David Lillienthal is permitted to serve society, although the margin between opportunity and denial for such personalities is much more minute than generally recognized. However, it should not be necessary for a Jack Henry Harris to be richly endowed in order for society to avail itself of whatever skills and abilities he may have to offer.

Each man should be able to place his wares upon the employment market-place, and none should be denied the right to earn a living by the sweat of the brow because of extraneous considerations,—such as race, religion or nationality. Let each present his or her gifts to society, and let society reward each according to their respective gifts!

What answer are we to make to Jack Henry Harris—Fair or Unfair Employment Practices?

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same intensity for the next few days, as did two more front page editorials which blamed Mr. Lewis exclusively. The miners returned to work for three weeks on November 10th and little appeared during that period. On Tuesday, November 22nd, though, Maurice Early contacted an Indianapolis coal yard official and reported in his "The Day In Indiana" that those humanitarian souls were already accumulating a surplus in their yards as a safeguard against further strikes. This was just nine work days after Early's paper had reported six cities in the state as being without coal, with Indianapolis schools threatening to close amid the "crisis." Never in all history had so much been mined for so many by so few . . . evidently.

On December 2nd, the man with the bushy eyebrows ordered his men to work three days per week, and the Star followed the next day with an article entitled "Are Americans Cowards?" One man, it said, was causing "many Americans to be without heat, light, or transportation." This, I presume, was an editorial, although I must confess it is rather difficult at times for me to tell when the Star is sounding the alarm via an editorial and when it is just giving its version in a news story as to what actually happened.

For almost two weeks, sex and Russia kept the front page so well stoked that it took a headline "City Faces Coal Crisis" on December 15th to get John L. back into the limelight. "Indianapolis," the lead sentence declared, "is down to a two or three day coal supply." Next day came the information that a cold snap which sent temperatures to ten above for two days had "swamped coal dealers with orders." It was neat psychological timing. My coal informant, though, tells me it's a poor firemen indeed who needs to add more than a lump or two per day to his normal furnace allotment during such atmospheric adventures . . . hardly enough for a fellow to get his ashes all in an uproar.

The "two or three day supply" somehow seemed to struggle along until Jep Cadou, Jr. reported "Coal Crisis Races Near," two weeks later. By then, I'd personally consider it a pretty dull race, indeed, but Mr. Cadou, in a purportedly factual account, declared in his lead paragraph that "Just about everybody... even Democrats... thinks the President should put the miners back on a five day week."

But the miners were doing all right on just three days according to my source of information. (Different form Mr. Cadou's.) My coal dealer friend showed he had received 50 percent more coal during December, 1949, than he did in December, 1948. He said he guessed that "some people might have wanted to convince the public that a crisis existed so Mr. Truman wouldn't ask Congress to repeal the Taft-Hartley law in his Januuary message to Congress."

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ened into a month, but on Jauary 12th came a headline "Fuel Substitute Kills Two," telling of two unfortunate infants who had lost their lives when parents had burned battery cases for fuel. The inference was that the sad event had just transpired and that the miners were to blame, although it is a matter of record that the State Board of Health cautions people yearly about such risky fuel economies as battery cases because there are always people who try to save money this way. Reading down into the body of the article, I found one of the children had died a full month before, sometime during a December week in which my friend alone received 1,500 tons of coal in the state capital. Nevertheless, a week later, on January 19th, the Star reported Senator Bill Jenner, (R., Ind.) the man whom Washington correspondents selected as "next-to-the-worst-man in the Senate," as standing in the halls of Congress and holding the Star headlines aloft as "evidence" against

On Tuesday, January 17th, as miners were beginning their newest six week strike a seven column headline said "Schools May Close Friday," but when Friday came I couldn't find the world "coal" mentioned anywhere on the front page. As a matter of fact, local schools, factories, and just plain citizens somehow struggled along for 23 more days before a mention. This one said "Coal Hits 27 Year Low," and the Star used this as the impetus the following day for its sixth editorial in three months demanding "union monopoly and one-man rule" be broken. (The "one-man" was John L. and I KNOW this one was an editorial. It said so.)

By February 17th, complete and utter chaos appeared imminent when the top article in the Star pronounced "Postponement of the Indiana High School basketball tournament because of the coal shortage was expected to be ordered today at an emergency conference in the office of Governor Henry Schricker." This was serious. But the reporter was obviously a foreigner who knew little of Hoosier mores because word came from the conference on the morrow that the tourney would somehow proceed.

A week later, there appeared a dramatic account of how local coal merchants were banding together in a program of volunteer rationing as the paper stated "Indiana coal supplies were being measured by the lump last night." The "knights of the coal lump" were coming to the rescue, all right. And about time, too since it had been exactly 72 days since these same fellows had first been quoted in the Star as saying the coal supply would last "two or three days." Indianapolis schools finally closed on February 28th, six weeks after the Star had reported them as having a ten-day supply.

As an editor I'd begin to wonder . . . as did most people . . . how it was possible to continue

to get coal for such a long time when little or none was being mined. A feature story objectively probing into the innards of the thing would have revealed that new machinery since the war has made it possible to mine 840,000,000 tons annually as compared to 450,000,000 tons in peak production just ten years ago. A decade ago, too, nine-tenths of all fuel consumers used coal, but today oil and gas have cut the percentage to about two-thirds. Increased production and lessening demand . . . no one has ever invented a quicker way than to create a surplus. And Lewis will probably be back next year with a prolonged strike, seeking what he missed this year . . . a guarantee of 200 work days per year to gain some measure of security for the coal miners.

It seems logical too, that after so long a time the editors would have noticed the serious contradictions to which they gave voice time and again and would have ceased to base their stories and headlines on such unreliable news sources. Had they turned to their classified ad page, for example, they would have seen that it wasn't until the final week that coal dealers failed to advertise coal for sale.

In addition if they had sent reporters out to dig up new and interesting angles, they might have found such people as my friend. He, for example, turned his records over to me and I totaled up shipments which showed he had actually received more coal in February than he had in January... and almost as much as he had in December. And the day the strike ended he had 200 tons of coal in his yard with "more on the way." There was the news... the real scoop... for a newspaper, as I see it. And I don't think there is a reporter in existence who would deny it.

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For example it is obvious that some of the New Deal legislation and portions of the Fair Deal program are trends toward "socialism." Let's face it. Moreover, and more specifically, they are "welfare state" measures . . . an apt description of moves made for the welfare of the people. However, we see nothing wrong in such objectives . . . despite how unpopular they might become because of some label.

Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, Public Housing, Wage and Hour laws and Farm legislation are all "welfare" measures and represent a mild move toward "socialism." Time, however, has mellowed those things so that they have become so respectable that they have gained acceptance by even ardent conservatives.

Today, the names have changed, but the issues remain the same. The Brannan Farm plan, Health Insurance, extension of Housing loan privileges to more people, repeal of Taft-Hartley all fall into the same category. They are evidences of a growing awareness for collective action and a concern for the general welfare.

If we dare harken back to the beginnings of our nation, we find in such words as "promote the general welfare," an aim basic enough to be written into our Constitution. A clarification of present fears is needed by all of us. We must not allow ourselves to be chased to cover merely because something is called "socialistic" or because some persons try to sneer it into disrepute with the cry of "welfare state."

They are probably right . . . or partially so. And we must admit it. Our job is not to fear the name, or to weaken our position by trying to deny it. Our strength resides in our ability to decide whether the specific legislation under examination tends to distribute more of the world's goods among more people.

And let the words fall where they will.

#### MILITANT...

We noted with interest this recent newspaper item:

Washington, (UP)—The Federal Trade Commission today ordered Nix Cosmetics Co., of Memphis, Tenn., to stop advertising its Nanette Hormone Cream as a bust developer.

In view of the serious purpose to which this magazine is dedicated, we wish to comment briefly. We believe this Governmental attitude on developments to be downright dangerous. It seems likely to encourage a cynical resort to "false frontism" by those who heretofore have made honest attempts to put forth . . . realistically . . . more fundamental things.

If our view seems extreme at first reading, please remember ours is to be a militant publication and as such will always be ready to take a position on breastworks.

#### AVC POTPOURRI

We see where top brass of a top brass vets outfit says that all "bona fide" veterans organizations are united in their condemnation of the Hoover Commission's report re the VA. What's to be bona fide? Isn't it enough, Sir, to be an organization of honorably discharged veterans devoted to the welfare of their country and all the people in it?

Colleges and universities are again becoming predominantly non-veteran. Still, the IU chapter seems to be healthier than ever. More new names keep popping up from down there. Roy Brooks is the new treasurer of the chapter, Bob Plotkin, the secretary, and Dr. C. L. Lundin, the new vice-chairman. Fred Sondermann, last year's state chairman, wields the gavel. If you live in Bloomington, you'll like knowing these guys. Ask one of them sometime what AVC is.

Elmer Ward reports that the Anderson Urban League has been running a column in the Anderson HERALD entitled, "The Democratic Way of Life," plugging the duties and privileges of living in a democracy. The week of March 13, the League observed "Vocational Opportunity Week," with vocational opportunities for Negro youth getting the principal play.

We're just like anybody else department: The social calendars of AVC chapters are getting marks all over. The Bloomington Chapter is planning a whole series of shin-digs. So is Indianapolis No. 1. It sounds good to those of us who remember the long nights of intellectual taffy pulling a few years back. Give us the dope on these affairs. We just might have a spare evening one of these weeks.

Indianapolis No. 1 has shifted its weekly Tuesday luncheons from the Central "Y" to the Senate Avenue "Y". Same time, 12:15. Irv Fink, Clayton Wallin, Sanford Ramsey, and Bert Gardner have developed a new wrinkle. They still have outside speakers for special occasions. In between, however, AVC'ers are giving on what they know most about. They have a lot to offer. So, if you're a member of AVC, any chapter, and you have a yearning to talk about you and what you do, drop around. You may never again have an opportunity to see so many guys so still for so long. Drop around whether you're an AVC'er or not. We like company.

Have you voted on PR yet? In a recent letter, Link Lauterstein, New York, takes exception to Bernie Bellush's defense of PR in the "Voice" and expresses fear that not enough of us may vote to make any decision valid.

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PR was designed, says Link to guarantee minority representation on legislative bodies. NPC is not a legislative body. NPC members must speak for AVC, not for fractions—or factions—of AVC. NPC members are scattered; it's difficult for all of them to attend all meetings. Consequently, it might be easy for the minority to control NPC, at times wag the dog. Their representation at a given NPC meeting might be out of proportion to "the actual strength of such minority in the organization." PR, he says, invites the establishment of rigid majority and minority groups. "It invites perpetuation of caucuses and log rolling. AVC, in its entirety, is a minority group. To establish a system of voting which puts a premium upon schism is to do a great disservice to AVC."

Arnie Feldman, Southern District Vice-Chairman, and a member of the Bloomington Chapter, has spoken on two Town Hall forums in Bloomington. Subjects—civil rights and electoral college reform.

Fred Sondermann (you can't keep these boys down) discussed national health insurance at an Anderson College convo the other day.

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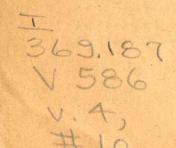
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#### EDITORIAL: The Freedom To Use Freedom

Historian

On July 4, 1950, we celebrate the 174th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It would do well for all of us, especially the members of Congress, to read the Declaration in its entirety and try to live up to its noble tenets.

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In our day of "witch-hunts," "red-herrings," seizure without search warrants, etc., we should take time to examine the climate in which we are now living. We make such a big to-do about our rights and freedoms, but what we tend to forget is that as soon as a person tries to exercise these rights and freedom, the tendency is to take away his freedom.

Under the Constitutional Amendments passed immediately after the Civil War, the Negro was assured certain rights. In many Southern states, however, if a Negro attempted to exercise those rights, he would be lynched or suffer some lesser punishment. The same is true of a Communist or, yes, even a Socialist who we are told has the right to believe in his particular ideology. But if he proceeds to exercise this right, so many people want to take those rights away, deprive the person of his livelihood and encourage social ostracism because the person was utilizing this fundamental right.

In order to protect the ideals set forth so ably by Thomas Jefferson in the Independence Declaration, we have a militant responsibility to support the rights of all, no matter how much we disagree with their point of view. It does no good to say "it serves them right" because we may be next and someone else will be providing the dialogue of "it serves them right."

Too often, AVC has measured the situation by what is "politic," rather than expressing itself fearlessly for what we know in our hearts to be right in democratic concepts. It is about time we stopped talking out of both sides of our mouth. When Paul Robeson is denied a hotel room in Indianapolis because he is a Negro, we must protest just as strongly as we would if our own Robert Ming, National Vice-Chairman, was found in the same predicament. When Ben Cohen, Marion County Communist Party leader, is denied the right to speak before the City Council, we must make our voice heard in protest just as eloquently as though Martin Larner were denied the same right.

On a national level, AVC has been the leader in the fight on the McCarthy's, Rankins, etc. The National Planning Committee's statement on Senator McCarthy received national attention because it said what so many people would have liked to say, but were afraid. This, of course, was a comparatively mild example, with not too much of a reprisal to be feared, since McCarthy has gradually lost stature, anyway.

But what AVC has done on a national level should serve as a symbol of the leadership we must assume in applying our civil rights program to our local situation.

We must provide that leadership, not for the sake of others . . . but for the sake of ourselves. For when we protect the rights of others, we are protecting our own rights.

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#### INTERNATIONAL

Two German girls visited Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana recently and created quite a furor when it was reported they stated they were disappointed at the slums they found in New York City and advocated solving the cold war by giving candy bars to the Russian soldats.

That, of course, is something of an over-simplification of the report which Lester Hunt, a propagandist for the Indianapolis Star, presented following an interview with the young ladies, but those were two of the principal points which seemed to make them suspect of not submitting completely to our current attitude of nationalism.

The young ladies became the focal point for the Hunt hatchet just shortly before they were slated to make a stop in Indianapolis as part of their nation-wide tour designed to see "how democracy works." The Indianapolis social agency, which was to sponsor the visit to the Hoosier Capitol, hastily withdrew the invite, and our informant states the reason was because of the fear of antagonizing some well-heeled contributors to the agency, who might not like this "dangerous" expression of opinion.

Although we're not at all certain, we assume the girls' attitude reflected a lack of faith in this nation. And we'll have them know, by golly, that they've no right to be disappointed in our slums. If we knowed they was coming, we could have showed them some perhaps more to their liking right here in Indiana.

As for their candy suggestion to halt the cold war, which was termed "naive," we think the Star should have been even more severe. It may well be that those girls are involved in an insidious plot to mis-direct more American goods. Why waste candy on those fellows when a better bargain may be in the offing. We recall some rather uninhibited G. I. moments in Europe when a bar of chocolate purchased something far more exciting than an unshaven Volga boatman. (We don't know from personal experience, understand. We only happened to hear some of the older boys talk-

#### McCARTHY

We read in a local propaganda outlet recently a report which stated the National Planning Committee of AVC had voted to call for impeachment proceedings to be launched against Senator Joseph McCarthy because of his "character assassination" measures and other tactics.

Our opinion (which our relatives consider to be of immeasurable importance) is that the NPC members were in error. We believe Congress has no right to sit as judge and jury as to the character of those who compose its membership, and that such a job is solely an electoral responsibility of the voters. Wisconsin people, we hope, will take the necessary measures

Elsewhere in this publication you will find an editorial which indicates a different point of view, and tends to support the NPC. That's the nice thing about a publication like this. If you don't like the point of view expressed on one page, then turn it.

#### UNION NOW

The air was hot and still in the close confines of the diner where we were sweating out a hurried noon-day meal. Across the way sat a trio of human beings who formed a family unit. The man was Chinese, the woman was a member of that category called the "white race." Between the two, and the center of their devoted attention sat a two-year old female product of their union.

An unusual sight in the center of Hoosierdom, the trio attracted the attention of all the customers. Hurried . . . sporadic . . . but frequent were the glances from the spectators viewing this tangible evidence of world

The Chinese paid his bill (in American nationalized . . . and inflated

... currency) and the family left, using the conventional means of motivation. The food consumers went back to the job at hand, and a muttering came from one of the waitresses, who wondered "just what kind of a guy he was, anyway."

"Oh, probably a mess of a bunch of stuff, just like the rest of us, I reckon," was the reply from her comrade, who served our side of the aisle.

We felt so good we left a twenty

#### OUT-HOUSING

We listened in on the conversation of a fellow recently whom we know to labor for a real estate firm and are pleased to report a definite humanitarian trend at work in the property camp. The chap was explaining the woes of his job and unfolded one of his problems and how he had handled it with commendable dispatch. He told a woman who complained of the house in which she had lived for a goodly number of years, and was quite critical of several of its features. She then switched her attack to a smaller . . . and even more antiquated . . . building on the back of the

"The place leaks when it rains," she complained, "and it has for a long time, but you never do anything about it. Now, when I go out there, even my umbrella has begun to leak."

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#### POLITICS

#### HOMER E. CAPEHART: Profile Of A Conservative

By FRED A. SONDERMANN

Homer E. Capehart has represented the people of the State of Indiana in the U.S. Senate for more than five years, and apparently he will again be the Republican candidate for Senator. During these five years his record is one of consistent conservatism, with both frontal and oblique attacks upon progressive measures.

To climax a phenomenally successful business career, he sought and obtained the Republican Senatorial nomination in 1944 and put all the energy and vigor at his command into the campaign. He has always tried to appeal to different groups, and is perfectly in character when he sayson one hand "I am a farmer. I have been a farmer all my life," and on the other, "As a businessman I see everything through the eyes of busi-

A typical campaign utterance was his remark that the American people "must choose . . . between a Communistic government and a government by constitution under the twoparty system." His program was attractive enough. Among other things he came out in favor of bringing the boys home, assistance for veterans, private enterprise and individual initiative, good jobs at good wages, sound financial and agricultural policies, and lasting peace.

As Time Magazine put it, he "could not wait to don the togs," and arrived in Washington fully six weeks before the beginning of his Senatorial term and promptly called a press conference. Without false modesty, he felt qualified to serve as an expert on the important Finance, Commerce, Naval and Military Affairs Committees. The reporters were unimpressed; one called him "another Galento, without the punch." The Senate leadership, too, was unimpressed. He landed on a few minor committees.

As Senator he has been fairly diligent, although his attendance record is by no means outstanding. In the first three years he was absent for more than 25 percent of the roll calls. But if his attendance record was not too inspiring, his party regularity was the pride and joy of Republican leadership. More than nine times out of ten, he voted with the majority of his Republican colleagues, a record exceeded only infrequently by any Senator of either party.

He does not make many speeches on the floor of the Senate, and his

strength lies more in close debate than in oratory. Objecting to the longwinded orations of some of his colleagues, he once categorized himself as one of the quiet Senators-"those who sit and think."

He seldom holds the center of the stage or focuses public attention on himself, but he excels in asking questions-penetrating or otherwise. He really was in the public eye only once, in June 1948, when he objected to certain photographs taken as part of a collection by the Farm Security Administration. He thought the pictures were "silly," "ridiculous" and "foolish," and got a two-page spread in "Life."

A confirmed opponent of everything connected with the New and Fair Deal, Senator Capehart has consistently urged that the administration be shorn of many of its vital functions. Thus he would deprive the President of much of his power to negotiate Reciprocal Trade Agreements; he would cut government activities and spending; and he would return atomic energy to the military "where it belongs." The latter stand was probably caused by his strong dislike of David Lilienthal, which caused him to team up with Senator McKellar in as corny a dialogue as was ever heard on the Senate floor, He obtained permission to make some spontaneous and unrehearsed inquir-

Capehart: "Is it not a fact that . . . all the Communists in America are supporting Lilienthal?"

McKellar: "All of them. . ."

Capehart: "Is it not a fact that the Communists never support anyone they do not like?"

McKellar: "... never..."
Capehart: "... I do not know whether the man is a Communist or

McKellar: "I do not either."

Capehart: "But I do not know how we can get away from the facts."

McKellar: "I do not see how any Senator can."

Capehart: "There is a great deal of hypocrisy. . ."

McKellar: "I am not charging anyone with hypocrisy."

Capehart: "Neither am I."

After this charming exchange, another Senator took over from Capehart, presumably to set them up in the other alley.

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his, Capehart urged a short while ago that members of the ADA, (including such well-known subversives as Mrs. Roosevelt, Walter Reuther and Senators Humphrey, Douglas and Lehman) be deported from these shores because ADA's official publication had spoken favorably of the British Labor Government. Presumably, they were to be sent "back to England."

One beneficial by-product of deporting political opponents would be that it would ease the housing shortage, of which the Senator takes a dim view. When the Housing Act of 1949 was up for action, he voted for every crippling amendment to emasculate the legislation, including one which would have struck low-rent public housing—the heart of the measure out of the bill. Then, when his efforts to kill the measure had failed, he turned around and voted for the legislation. He also favored the elimination of rent controls. When asked whether there was a need for rent control in Indianapolis he questioned it very much and felt sure that there would be no need at all for it within 90 days. "One unit now being constructed there," he said, "contains 3,800 apartments, and it will be completed within 90 days, I believe." When a colleague inquired about rentals in the new project, the good Senator declared, ". . They are to be low rentals . . . I think, though I can well be wrong, they are around \$50 to \$60 a month." The Senator was indeed wrong. Meadowbrook Apartments, of which he was taking, contains not 3,800 apartments but 647, rents not for \$50 to \$60 but for \$85 to \$110.

Incidentally, voting for crippling amendments to progressive legislation, but then to vote for the legislation itself is one of Capehart's most favored techniques. He used this tactic on the Federal Aid to Education Act, in Ratification of the UN Charter, and in Extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements, to name but a few instances

On June 12, 1950, Senator Capehart gave further demonstration of his economic political philosophy when he voted to abolish rent controls. He was joined in this by his fellow Senator from Indiana, Bill Jenner, who, incidentally, was elected by the members of the press in Washington as "next to the worst man in the Senate."

Senator Capehart's record in the field of Civil Rights is ambiguous. He points to the fact that he opposes Southern filibusters and votes for cloture, which is true. But at the same time, he repeatedly proposed that FEPC bills be sent back to committee and has voted against all proposals to facilitate application of cloture. This makes his actions to limit fili-

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busters rather meaningless. The only time last year he really exerted himself in behalf of civil rights was when he supported a non-segregation amendment to the Housing Bill, introduced by the bill's worst foe, Senator Bricker of Ohio. He may have been sincere in his support of nonsegregation, but he must have known—as everyone knew—that the amendment was designed to kill the bill by alienating its Southern supporters.

As early as the 1944 campaign he charged that the ultimate purpose of the CIO-PAC was to throw the country into Socialism or Communism, and said that the rank and file of labor "realize that under a socialistic regime they will go the way of the worker in Spain, France, Italy and Germany." His reference to Spain is particularly interesting in view of his later friendly feelings for that country, which in 1948 led him to remark that we might well profit from Spain's experience. "What is wrong with the Franco regime," he inquired, "other than the fact that for years it has been fighting communism?"

As regards to policies toward the laboring man, the Senator, as early as 1945 supported a cut in a muchneeded pay increase for federal employees. In successive actions he voted for an emergency strike settlement bill, the Case Labor Bill, a measure barring portal-to-portal pay suits based on a Supreme Court decision, and the Taft-Hartley Act. It occasions no great surprise, therefore, that Labor feels somewhat less than cordial towards him.

Legislation favoring the businessman, on the other hand, has consistently had his friendly backing. Although he claims to dislike monopoly (who doesn't?), he opposed an investigation of the liquor monopoly and favored exempting insurance and railroad companies from anti-trust laws. He also was in favor of turning over the rich tidewater lands to private interests. His views on the tariff are traditionally Republican. "We should charge foreigners for the privilege of selling in (our) market,' he said, "in order to protect it." He does not agree "that any inefficient American institution should go out of business if it is unable to compete with the products of foreign countries." He repeated this line once too often. When, in a debate on a Housing measure, he piously prayed "for the day when the Congress of the U. S. will have enough courage to try at least once to solve in an American way some of the problems which confront the country," a challenge slapped him down hard. "I venture to assert" said a Democratic Senator, "that if the tariff bill were before the Senate for protection of . . . big

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Charity is one thing and tax reduction something else, as Capehart aptly pointed out in 1947 when he proposed that, while talking about tax reduction and money, we should forget the humanitarian aspects in regards to the spending of money in Europe. When a \$25,000 excess profits tax exemption was at stake, he supported it enthusiastically, but with similar vigor opposed a proposal to raise individual income tax exemptions to \$600.

Senator Capehart, by and large, is averse to too much U.S. participation in world affairs. He was lukewarm in his support of the UN Charter, urging that ratification be withheld. (He later voted for it.) He did not approve of adherence to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and urged to postpone action on the Bretton Woods proposals. (He later voted for them, too.) After trying to cut the heart out of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, he voted to extend it in 1945 but opposed it in 1949. When the Marshall Plan was up for consideration, he gloomily observed that "every international scheme we have entered into during the past 30 years has been an outright failure" and introduced a substitute measure which, Senator Vandenberg said, was so different that his Committee couldn't even consider it. On the Marshall Plan, again, he voted for every crippling amendment in the book, including the very statesmanlike suggestion that 600 million of the appropriation be used to increase old-age pensions in this country. In 1949 he disapproved of an extension of the Marshall Plan, but approved of an amendment barring use of funds in any country which nationalized basic industries. A bitter opponent of Secretary of State Acheson, he voted againts his confirmation, has repeatedly called for his resignation, and has referred to him as "this Wall Streeter who is a partner to loans to Communist-dominated countries, to Arabian oil interests, and to other international money-making enterprises."

Such, in barest outline is the record of the man who has represented this State for more than five years and is ambitious to continue doing so another six. In 1944 he was elected on the basis of promises. In 1950 he must be judged by his performance.

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By ELMER WARD

(Editor's Note: Organizations like the American Guard appear to be springing up throughout the country. "The Nation" of June 10, 1950 carried an article by Carey McWilliams on The Wage Earners' Committee, an American Guard-like group now in existence in Florida, California, Minnesota and other states. Mr. McWilliams thinks that "the aggressive negativism of the Wage Earners' Committee naturally appeals to the elements resentful about their economic position, since it expresses their feeling of political frustration. This resentment is focused on liberal progressive candidates because, one suspects, they are safe targets.")

Indiana now sports a new addition to its political organizational set-up. It is the American Guard, a group that has been organized in Anderson and Madison County on a strictly political basis. Its objectives are to fight Communism, Socialism and all the "isms" which would "deprive the individual of his rights and liberties," to fight any Federal controls over business, to prevent centralization of government, for reduction of taxes, reduction of the national debt and the elimination of government competition with private business in all things except the Post Office and Military

In order to place the objectives of this organization in their proper perspective, it is interesting to examine the background of the organizing group and leaders. Charles Harbaugh, Executive Vice - President of the Guard, was formerly the manager of the Anderson Chamber of Commerce. He is a bitter opponent of FEPC. In a radio broadcast on April 12, 1950, Harbaugh also accused the Veterans' Administration of faking the NSLI dividend in order to buy the veterans'

vote. He contends that the NSLI premiums are far too low to cover the insurance, that the American economy would have been better served if the G. I. insurance had been bought from a private company and that the NSLI dividends were being paid out of general revenue tax funds.

Dr. James Doenges, a member of the board and a heavy financial backer of the Guard, is an executive in the Madison County Medical Society. He vigorously opposes all welfare state measures, especially national health insurance. On several occasions, he has also charged that no money has ever been placed into the Social Security funds charging it is being used in the general revenue fund. (These charges have been refuted by as conservative a publication as the Wall Street Journal.)

Edwin C. Fettig, Madison County Chairman of the American Guard, is a vigorous supporter of the Taft-Hartley Law, and owns and operates a non-union canning factory in Elwood, Indiana.

The American Guard has sponsored speeches by Dr. Vincent Peale, nominal head of the Committee for Constitutional Government (an organization with reported Fascist leanings) and Carl Byoir, public relations man in New York for the Nazi German Travel Bureau. On March 4, 1950, in a speech in Anderson sponsored by the American Guard, Byoir said the United Nations was merely the tool of Russia and used as a delaying force to keep America unarmed and unprepared until Russia was ready to take over America. According to Byoir, the Truman Fair Deal program is part of Russia's plan to conquer America.

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ently been well financed since its inception. It has rented a two-story house as headquarters, employs a complete staff and has started a well rounded propaganda campaign. The Guard has two weekly paid radio broadcasts in Anderson and has published and mailed four pamphlets to every householder in Madison County. It has been reported that the annual budget for 1950 is about \$100,000, but this report could not be substantiated. Delco Sparks, CIO-UAW local union newspaper at Delco-Remy, reports that many of the Guard's contributions come by way of "suggestions" from the management of the Delco-Remy and Guide Lamp plants, two divisions of the General Motors Corporation, to Guard supervising personnel. It has also been reported that large contributions are received from a huge Detroit industrial estab-

In March, 1950, the American Guard claimed a membership of 4,000 members. It is trying to organize its membership on a national, state, congressional district, county, city, township and precinct basis. It is attempting to parallel the political organizations of the two major parties in order to pressure for the support of its program.

The liberal organizations in Anderson are highly suspicious of the American Guard and its motives. In talking among labor leaders, Democratic politicians and AVC members, descriptions like fascist, big-business, reactionary, etc. are usually applied to the Guard. To support these descriptions with specific facts is obviously difficult in the movements employed to date, inasmuch as the organization is still in its formative stages but it will be interesting to watch the American Guard and expose it whenever necessary is the current position of its opponents.

Elmer Ward is State Treasurer of AVC and is former chairman of the chapter located at Indiana University, where he graduated in 1949. Ward now resides in Anderson, Indiana, and served in the South Pacific during World War II as a member of a Naval Construction Battalion.

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By S. J. RAMSEY

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Political appointments, and civil service jobs in federal agencies fill in a gap between the prepared and the unprepared. The word prepared is used loosely to cover those who went through college in the hope "that their chance would come." Armed with degrees in everything from agriculture to zoology, those who could not get into the public school system turned to the post office, sorting, delivering mail or driving trucks. Through the efforts of a strong union there has been a bit of up-grading in the local office with an appointment of a Negro as weigh-master. The foremanships, the window clerks, the positions of responsibility even here are primarily white men's jobs.

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Like Marie Antoinette, the bigots of our day, want to know why they don't eat cake. Why is it that the great Negro market can't be self sustaining? Within the race's business enterprises there are opportunities for all sorts of trained people. Where these enterprises don't exist, create them. Let Negro journalist work for Negro publications. Negro clerks can man Negro department stores. Negro craftsmen can find plenty "scab labor." Managing our democratic government is of course, a white man's job. If Negroes want to be machinists, engineers or skilled tehcnicians let them establish their own plants, create their own transportation systems.

This argument might seem plausible, if the American melting pot had not smeltered all persons into a more or less perfect union, established a common set of laws, a single schedule of taxation, with a single definition of citizenship. "All persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens of the United States and of the State where in they reside."

Negroes are citizens with certain inalienable rights among which are life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness—the right to work, associate or reside in a democratic community according to his ability and desires.

Again commencement time 1950. To the high school graduates we stress preparations for participation in the great American Democracy. To the college graduate we offer an apology. Sometime, maybe, you too, can get a job for which you are prepared.

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#### The Indiana 'Soak The Poor' Tax

By IRWIN KATZ

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles devoted to the inequities of the current Gross Income Tax and information as to why a Net Income Tax should be adopted as a means of producing revenue for the state.)

Under the Indiana State Gross Income Tax Law, one of the groups that is hardest hit is the workingman. Indiana is the only state in the nation in which a workingman earning \$2,000 per year with a family consisting of a wife and two children has to pay an income tax of any sort. In the other states, a workingman in the situation outlined above would only be liable for income taxes if he earned in excess of \$3,000 per year.

The inequitable situation of a workingman with such a small income paying an income tax arises from the fact that the Gross Income Tax Law provides a flat exemption of \$1,000 regardless of the personal or marital status of the individual tax-payer. In other states the pattern established by the Federal Income Tax Law is followed in that there is a personal exemption for the individual and additional exemptions for each dependent.

It should be quite obvious to any discerning person familiar with present living conditions that a man earning \$2,000 per year with a family of four to support cannot afford to pay any income tax. The tax is small, only \$10 in this situation, but it may represent the turning point in the decision as to whether or not to buy one of the children a new pair of shoes.

What would happen to this same workingman under Net Income Tax Laws now in operation in other states. Most states follow the Federal Income Tax Law and a workingman would not have to pay any tax unless his

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324 E. Market MA. 8521 income was about \$2,300. This latter figure is arrived at by assuming a \$500 deduction for each dependent and allowing a minimum ten percent for expenses. Most states also use a graduated tax so that a higher percentage of tax is paid on higher incomes than on smaller incomes.

This follows the basic philosophy of American taxation — Taxation based on ability to pay. Our State Gross Income Tax Law is completely contrary to this American philosophy.

One state has a net income tax law under which the taxpayer pays a percentage of the amount paid to the Federal government under the Federal Income Tax Law. This law is easily administered and while it continues the inequities of the Federal statute, it is a vast improvement over the Gross Income Tax.

The arguments advanced against changing the existing law is that the workingman would probably suffer a worse fate under some other law. Thus it is frequently said that the Gross Income Law is better than a General Sales Tax which is usually assumed to be the alternative to the Gross Income Tax.

We reject the assumption and the conclusion, although we might agree that a gross income tax is an improvement on the general sales tax. Once there is sufficient pressure generated to change the Gross Income Tax Law, there is no set rule that a General Sales Tax must follow. It is a smokescreen set up by those groups who like the extra burden that the Gross Income Tax places on the workingman.

In the first article in this series, we pointed out the logical alternative which is the net income tax which attempts to take into account individual differences and adjust the tax accordingly. It is also based on sound American tax philosophy, basing taxation on the ability of the individual to pay.

Another argument that has recently been advanced against changing the Gross Income Tax Law is that it is now tied to the payment of the Bonus. While I do not agree with the principle of the bonus, now that it is an

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obligation of the state, I feel that it must be paid. However, it is just as easy to tie the payment of the Bonus to the Net Income Tax as to the present Gross Income Tax.

It is no coincidence that the newspapers who have been speaking against high taxation have kept so quiet about the gross income tax. The anti-labor publications, usually so vociferous in their opposition to the inequities that they see in the tax structure seems to be well pleased with the Gross Income Tax.

Despite this silence by the means of information, during the month of January every other year at State Assembly time there is much grumbling against the gross income tax—especially by the workingman. This undercurrent of dissatisfaction with the existing tax structure must become vocal through representative labor groups in speaking out against the Gross Income Tax in favor of a net income tax.

(Next issue: What does a Net Income Tax mean to the Business man?)

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foe of the Fair Deal program, it remains to be seen whether—on the record—he can win the approval of a majority of his fellow-Hoosiers.

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## BOOK REVIEW—'Angel With A Sword' By Professor John R. Shannon

No third-party candidate for President in the history of the United States has been the subject of so many biographies as Eugene V. Debs. Three biographies of the former Socialist leader have been published in the past three years. The Bending Cross, by Ray Ginger of the economics department of Western Reserve University, is clearly the best of the more than half a dozen biographies of the former Hoosier labor leader.

It is the first, in fact, which has gone to original sources, treated data comprehensively, set them in their contemporaneous political scene, and reported the result without a propaganda motive. Ginger has done so well that there seems but little justification for its ever being done again, and one historian already has abandoned his intention of becoming the biographer of Debs since seeing Ginger's masterpiece.

Ray Ginger spent most of three years digging into sources at Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Washington, New York, Cleveland, and anywhere else he could find documents to examine, scholars to consult, or acquaintances of Debs to interview. He organized his material logically and reported it readably. It could be alleged that he overdid the matter of readableness by placing all documentation in the appendix instead of in footnotes, by using such unauthenticated statements as "The wind billowed under Debs' nightshirt," and by emphasizing certain elements of the dramatic. But he did not depart from the standards of scholarship in doing this, as did Irving Stone in Adversary in the House, a "biographical novel" which is more "novel" than "biographical."

In common with earlier biographers of the ex-Indiana legislator and Terre Haute city clerk, Mr. Ginger describes Debs as a promising young Democrat politician, a labor leader, a Socialist, and an anti-war propagandist. But Ginger goes beyond these phases in the life of the radical orator to show how Debs gradually and slowly—even reluctantly—changed from positions of orthodoxy to positions of heresy. Ginger's main thesis is that Debs moved to the left only as he was pushed by circumstances, loyalty to friends, and devotion to principles.

Debs is not shown as the brains of labor organization and of the Socialist Party, but rather as the orator and the holy man for the underprivileged. He corresponded more in his time, perhaps, to Mahatma Gandhi than to any American leader since Tom Paine and Henry David Thoreau. Bob Ingersoll and Peter Altgeld, two of Debs' Illinois idols, approximated the Debs type in the generation of great Americans before the tall sycamore of Terre Haute reached his zenith. Ginger's estimate of Debs, and the picture he wished to present of him as a result of his research, was best expressed in the original title planned for his book: Angel With a Sword..

As could be expected in any biography, Ginger deals with the home life of Eugene Debs, tells why he was named Victor by his French father and admirer of the author of Les Miserables, how he was influenced by his parents, wife, and friends. But all men have parents and most of them have wives and friends. That is not what makes Eugene V. Debs interesting to healthy-minded adults. Any wholesome or unwholesome relations of a man with his wife can hardly justify becoming the central theme of a "biographical novel." Ginger keeps his feet on the ground and skips the intimacies of private life which might fascinate the morbid mind. That Ginger is interested in the human side of a great man, however, is evinced by his including in the biography-"word imperfect"-an account of a personal experience with Debs given in crude English but with pure sympathy by a carpenter and admirer, Esau R. Carnes.

A veteran who appreciates good literature, likes history, and thrills at exploits of true heroism, idealism, and devotion, will exult in **The Bending Cross.** One of the "Legionnaire type" who would indulge to the extent of a fair-minded appraisal of some other point of view, will broaden his horizon—and maybe his sympathy—by reading about the "angel with a sword."

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#### AN EDITORIAL: ENDS AND MEANS

That an event, a fact, or an idea can mean many different things to many different people is axiomatic. Nowhere has this been more apparent than in the area of "preserving democracy." Recently, the American Legion, an organization which has been devoted, for some time, to cornering the market on Americanism, passed a resolution looking to the immediate jailing of all communists and fellow travelers.

Here we have a tragic example of what a concept like democracy can mean or become to different people. To many of us, and perhaps to all AVC'ers—the basic pillars of the democratic way are the inalienable rights of free speech and free press, of religion and the orderly processes of

law as a protection from arbitrary imprisonment. A firm belief in such principles in no way, of course, implies a reluctance to oppose communism or any other form of totalitarianism. The real conflict here goes to the means employed to combat these ideologies.

In considering these means we must ask two questions:

- 1. Why do we oppose these people or their ideologies?
- 2. How can we best achieve the desired results?

The answer to the first question will, again, depend on who is furnishing the answer. Some people are combatting communism because the



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communists propose an economic system which would wipe out private profits; others oppose it on grounds of religion. Still others are interested in the "scare value" of communism for the purpose of smearing all liberals, socialists and nonconformists.

To those of us in the "vital center," communism is an ideology to be opposed not on mere grounds of economics but, more important, on grounds that whenever the communists get into power the basic democratic freedoms disappear. In effect, it is the Means used by the communists which makes impossible the achievement of noble ends. When an active opposition is not tolerated and those indiscreet enough to insist on exercising the expression of opposition are quickly silenced, democracy and freedom die.

Yes, it is out of a hatred for police state methods and tyranny of corrupt power that most of us take our stand in opposition to communism. Few men are willing to die for an economic system, but through the ages men have given their lives on behalf of freedom. The Four Freedoms and not "Private Enterprise" was the rallying cry of our fight in World War II.

Once we decide that freedom and civil rights are the keys to our opposition to communism, the answer to our second question takes shape in nega-

tive if not positive form. It becomes apparent that we cannot best achieve the ends of protecting a system based on freedom and democratic rights by destroying the very principles that give meaning to the fight against totalitarianism.

Yet the American Legion would jail people—not for committing any overt acts, not for committing any crimes (it is still legal if not healthy, to belong to the Communist Party), not for breaking a single law, but purely on a basis of imposing a tyranical guilt by association. Out of a fear of a police state ideology, they would create a police state at home.

It should be noted that the Legion goes even further than merely wanting to jail all communists. Fellow travelers are likewise to be jailed. How to determine the impossibly complex question of deciding who is a fellow traveler? Let's not split hairs, my friend; to jail you go.

The further we go down the road of hysteria, the more it becomes clear that the greatest danger we face in America is the danger from those who create an America in the image of the totalitarian ideologies they claim they oppose.

It is against the tragedy of tyranical means that our voices must be raised. Our vigilance in this respect will go far in determining whether the ends of freedom and the democratic way shall survive to give light to man's long march through the night.

#### Our Next Issue . . .

We hope to make the next issue of the "Indiana Veteran" the best yet. There will be an article on the world situation by Rev. Robert Gemmer, young minister of the Disciples of Christ Church who has traveled extensively through Europe, both in the west and behind the Iron Curtain. Dr. Charles Price of Notre Dame, unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic Senatorial nomination will write on his campaign. Irwin Katz, AVC State Chairman, will complete his series on the campaign of AVC to replace the Indiana Gross Income Tax with a net Income Tax, and Jack Hayes will present a four-act play complete on one page. Quite an accomplishment.

There will be the usual AVC Potpourri and many other interesting features. We would appreciate any comments that you have about the magazine, either pro and con. If you differ with the writers of any of the articles, let us know and we will be glad to print your point of view. If you have any suggestions for articles or subjects that you would like to have written about, let us know, won't you.

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#### MONEY

#### The Indiana 'Soak The Poor' Tax

#### By IRWIN KATZ

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles devoted to the inequities of the Indiana Gross Income Tax Law and information as to why a Net Income Tax should be adopted as a means of producing revenue for the State.)

The group that suffers the greatest inequities under the Indiana State-Gross Income Tax Law is the small businessman. The corner grocery store, the neighborhood drug store, the local gasoline station—all small business operators pay a Gross Income Tax far out of proportion to their annual net income. Let us cite an example:

The neighborhood druggist earns about \$5,000 per year after all expenses are deducted. He has a gross income of about \$50,000 on which he realizes a gross profit of between \$15,000 and \$20,000. After deduction of his overhead expenses such as rent, lights, heat, etc., his net income for the year amounts to about \$5,000. Based on these figures, the neighborhood druggist will pay a Gross Income Tax of \$250 plus a bonus tax of \$62.50 or a total tax of \$312.50.

If this same individual had been employed by a large drug house like Eli Lilly & Co. and earned \$5,000 per year, his gross income tax would amount to \$50 plus a bonus tax of \$12.50 or a total of \$62.50. It is obvious that from a gross income tax

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1510 N. Meridian St. RIley 6375 point of view that this taxpayer is being penalized to the tune of \$250 merely because he has the necessary initiative and determination to operate a business of his own.

It should also be noted here that if the neighbrohood druggist suffered a net loss because of poor judgment or any other bad luck or decision that he would pay the same amount of tax. By this means the Gross Income Tax has served as a deterrent to ambitious young men who desire to exercise their freedom of enterprise by operating their own business.

Let us look at how Big Business fares under the Gross Income Tax Law. Again, let us cite an example:

The total 1949 sales of the Studebaker Corporation located in South Bend, Indiana, amounted to \$473 million. Of this amount all sales made to customers outside of Indiana were exempt from taxation under the provisions of the Gross Income Tax Law and under decisions of the United States Supreme Court which forbid taxation on sales in interstate commerce. In the case of Studebaker, the out of state sales amounted to at least 95 percent of their total sales in 1949 or approximately 450 million dollars. Thus, Studebaker only paid a Gross Income Tax on five percent of their sales although the small business man who sells all of his merchandise within the borders of the State of Indiana pays a Gross Income Tax on 100 percent of his sales.

Despite this obvious inequity, Maurice Early, daily first page columnist of the Indianapolis Star, has been weeping crocodile tears for the Studebaker Corporation because under the Governor's proposed privilege tax, Studebaker would be taxed on 100 percent of their sales. To answer the contention of Mr. Early that the proposed tax would place Studebaker in a bad competitive position, let us look at the facts. The average tax would be \$5.50 per vehicle which amounts to 3/10 of 1 percent of the total cost of the vehicle.

Under the present Gross Income Tax Law, Studebaker does not pay about \$1,200,000 because of the out of state provisions. This would have served to reduce their net profit from 27 to 26 million dollars. Actually, Studebaker pays only about 75 thousand dollars of gross income tax

on gross sales of 473,000,000 dollars and net profits of over 27 million dollars. This represents 1/100 or 1 percent of their sales or about 1/4 of 1 percent of their net profit.

Compare this with the neighborhood druggist mentioned earlier in the article who pays ½ of 1 percent of gross sales and five percent of his net profit in gross income taxes. Perhaps Mr. Early is weeping for the wrong party! (Please realize, however, that this article is in no way a plea for the "privilege tax." The advantages of a Net Income Tax over the Governor's proposed privilege tax will be discussed in the next article of this series.)

An examination of other large Indiana corporations will show that the experience of the Studebaker Corporation is the usual one. Eli Lilly & Co., RCA, Allison's, Arvin Industries (Noblitt - Sparks), Carnegie - Illinois Steel, General Electric, Servel and other large Indiana industries all ship over 95 percent of their sales outside of the state getting the same tax advantage as shown by the Studebaker example above.

In other words, on all of these shipments no Gross Income Tax is paid. Naturally, somebody has to pay this and it falls to the lot of the small businessman, and the wage earner to absorb in their taxes the Gross Income Taxes that are not being paid by the large corporations.

The answer to these tax inequities is the repeal of the Gross Income Tax in favor of a Net Income Tax. The Net Income Tax would not only compensate for the inequities cited in this and previous articles, but it would make necessary adjustments for individual hardship and probably serve to increase the revenue by having the largest corporations in the state pay their fair proportion of Income Taxes—something that they have not done for years.

The State Legislature has an obligation to all of the citizens, not just a chosen few. They can best serve all of the people of Indiana by passing an equitable tax law based on Net Income and repealing the Gross Income Tax Law that does not recognize the realities of competitive business.

(NEXT ISSUE: THE ADVANTAGES OF A NET INCOME TAX LAW OVER OTHER FORMS OF TAXATION SUCH AS THE PRIV-ILEGE TAX.)

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#### INTERNATIONAL

## Korea . . . A Symbol For What

(In keeping with the policy of the "Indiana Veteran" of presenting the unorthodox point of view, the following article is being published. The author, a non-Communist, must remain anonymous because the current hysteria would probably jeopardize his present position. THE EDITORS.)

American forces fighting in Korea are supposed to be doing battle as a "police action" to restore law and order. However, I doubt that anyone reading this will deny that America's real intention is to use Korea as the symbol of where force finally came to grips with the challenge of Communism.

If such is the case, I find myself asking, "If and when we defeat the North Koreans, what then?" It is not premature to ask such a question. Nor is it unimportant. For if our soldiers are to be sent out to die, they are entitled to be fighting for something more than the right to keep the status quo. I believe our only hope for peace calls for a complete reversal of our attitude and to use the war as the impetus to install more democratic regimes in all places where we have become involved . . . including Korea.

To date, our policy has been one of expediency in which we lacked the courage . . . and perhaps even the conviction . . . to let democratic movements flourish because they were too far to the Left by our standards. Instead, time and time again we have turned to the Right for our friends in the struggle against Communism. We have turned to kings, dictators, and propertied barons. Such an attitude is completely foreign to our make-up. And the tragic thing is that such an attitude is rapidly losing us the friendship of the nations of the world, and will ultimately lead to our destruction. Furthermore, I firmly believe this policy of ours ... and not Russia ... is mainly responsible for the specific situation now existing in Korea.

In saying that, I in no way am seeking to absolve Russia. I am fully aware of the ruthless methods she has

used to get power, and the totalitarian ways she has maintained it. However, I believe America has played into Soviet hands everywhere by consistently supporting elements that are despotic, un-democratic and which in no way have acted to alleviate the suffering and poverty of the people.

An analysis of the Korean situation tells us the Communist attack across the 38th Parallel was hardly a surprise. Both sides were well aware that such a conflict would ultimately come and were itching for it. It is a matter of record that the North Korean Border Incident Investigation Commission early this year reported South Korean Army and youth corpunits raided the north 1,863 times between January 21 and December 15, 1949, and that the South Koreans reported a similar number of raids as coming from the north.

Furthermore, Syngman Rhee had frequently advocated a policy which called for invasion of North Korea and on October 31, 1949, Defense Minister Sihn Sung Mo was quoted in the Tokyo press as saying "If we had our way, we would, I'm sure, have started an invasion already. But we had to wait until they (U. S. advisers) were ready. They kept telling us No, no, no. Wait. You are not ready."

It therefore seems unrealistic . . . or dishonest . . . or both to hold the South Koreans blameless for any warlike fervor that concerned crossing the 38th Parallel.

It is equally interesting to learn just how forces representing 10,000,000 North Koreans were able to sweep with such ease across a rugged, mountainous region supposedly defended and loved by twice as many South Koreans. To find the answers we must

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#### Korea ... A Symbol

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dig much deeper than the daily military communiques, that state the Koreans were not adequately armed and in doing so we uncover the whole fabric of the American policy of backing dictatorships in order to defeat Communism, and how wrong such policies are.

Syngman Rhee has never been envisioned as a leader of the liberal element. As early as 1945, our G-2 forces described him as a "Rightist," and correspondents have frequently said he surpassed Chiang Kai Chek as a despot. A White Paper on Korea published in 1946 was full of laments as to our policy of turning more and more to the Right, and a poll conducted by the American Military Government in 1946 showed that 50 percent of the people preferred to be under Jap rule than under the so-called American brand of democracy that was unfolding in which the wealthy few were continuing to dominate and subdue the poverty-ridden many.

American officials sided with the police and the ruling factions when a general strike was called in 1946, later assisting in the smashing of Leftist unions and permitting terrorism by the police. Syngman Rhee rose to power in such an atmosphere in an election that was boycotted by the Left, Center and part of the Right. Once again, the American government unfolded the familiar policy of support for the power-laden despots to fight Communism rather than follow a more tenuous, but more imaginative and dynamic policy calling for basic . . . almost revolutionary . . . reforms which would bring hope to the people.

As Rhee gathered power and influence with America, his totalitarian tactics drove his opposition underground. Kim Koo, President of the Korean Government in exile during World War II in Chungking, who, like Rhee, was listed as a Rightist, was nevertheless assassinated because he advocated unification with the North Koreans. A total of 13 members of the Rhee Assembly were imprisoned for

similar views, and the American educated Christian, Kim Kiu Sic, was forced to retire from politics, at which time he made a final statement denouncing the United States.

Almost all other leaders of the Right, Center and non-Communist Left were driven straight into the Communist camp. When the People's Republic was formed at Pyongyang, numerous persons formerly listed by our G-2 as "Rightists" or "Centrists" were on hand to join in a coalition with the Communists and were given Cabinet posts because of the substantial segment they represented.

We cannot blame the Communists for that debacle in which people who might have been our friends became our foes. Nor can we blame Syngman Rhee. The blame falls directly on our shoulders, and the U. S. thus finds itself supporting a government the people are more willing to fight against than for.

What has happened in Korea is happening . . . or will happen . . . in all countries where the United

States has backed reaction in attempting to stop Communism. I refer specifically to Greece, Turkey, China, Indonesia, Spain . . . exery place in which the people are being denied economic and political democracy.

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Friends of mine readily agree that all these things have happened in all these contries. Yet they say in effect, "Sure. We made mistakes. But it's too late to worry about that now. We must stop Communism before it goes any further."

I say the only justification we have for going any further is that we be willing to resolve that victory in Korea will become the symbol of a new United States policy everywhere. We must carry forward gigantic economic and social changes that call for bread and not bullets . . . land and not guns . . . freedom and not dictators . . . and Russia be damned.

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Our only chance of survival is to inspire the people of the world with hope and the desire to fight for our policies . . . and not against them. This is not true at the moment.

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